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Cohn Pleads Not Guilty in Court- Where He Once Was Prosecutor- Terms Perjury and Conspiracy Charges Contrived — Accuses Morgenthau Again of 11-Year 'Vendetta'

By EDWARD RANZAL

Roy M. Cohn returned yesterday to Federal Court, the scene of his earliest triumphs as a young, vigorous prosecutor. This time, however, he appeared as an incensed defendant.

He vigorously pleaded not guilty to charges of perjury and obstruction of justice growing out of an alleged conspiracy to prevent the indictment of four men in a stock fraud case.

Immediately after the arraignment he held a press conference in which he castigated the United States Attorney, Robert M. Morgenthau, for carrying on an 11-year "vendetta." He implied that Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy was calling the shots.

Mr. Cohn's appearance generated considerable excitement in the courthouse, somewhat reminiscent of the period when, as chief counsel for the Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations under the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, he conducted hearings in the building.

Courtroom Filled

Every seat in the courtroom was filled, and scores of newspapermen, photographers and television commentators and cameramen were on hand.

Natly dressed in a dark blue suit, blue shirt and black tie, the 36-year-old lawyer answered all questions with the aplomb of a veteran. He termed the charges false and deliberately contrived.

He said that for the two years since Mr. Morgenthau took office "he has had three grand juries, many people and an international confidence man on the Government payroll trying to pick up something, anything, or me."

Regarding the asserted "vendetta," Mr. Cohn said:

"There's a background between Mr. Morgenthau and me. First it was political; then it developed into a personal thing which all started 11 or 12 years ago."

Earlier Inquiry Cited

"Eleven or 12 years ago," Mr. Cohn said, "when I was first in the Justice Department and then chief counsel to the Senate subcommittee, it was my duty to investigate Soviet infiltration in the Treasury Department. It dealt with the delivery of United States occupation currency plates given to Russia at the direction of Mr. Morgenthau Sr. on the advice of Harry Dexter White."

Henry Morgenthau, the father of the Federal Attorney, was Secretary of the Treasury when the plates were given to the Soviet Union in 1945. Mr. White was a high official under Mr. Morgenthau.

"I have no personal malice toward Morgenthau Sr.," Mr. Cohn continued. "I never met him. But Morgenthau Jr. has harbored a feeling about this. I say somebody up there just doesn't like me."

Asked about the role of Attorney General Kennedy in his case, Mr. Cohn said: "I think that history speaks for itself on that subject. I have never been invited to any of his swimming parties."

Mr. Cohn said that "there isn't a defendant of criminal

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around who hasn't been offered a proposition to get something on me."

He said he was prepared to name names under oath before the Bar Association or a Senate judicial committee or any impartial body.

In a statement given to the press, Mr. Cohn cited 11 instances that, he said, would "conclusively establish that the charges against me result solely from personal animus, the desire for political revenge and an attempt to pander to the long-standing prejudice of his superiors."

He charged Mr. Morgenthau and the Securities and Exchange Commission with a two-year harassment by taking his office files and not returning them and parading his employees continually before grand juries.

Mr. Cohn was indicted Wednesday by a Federal grand jury. Also named as a defendant was another lawyer, Murray E. Gottesman. They were scheduled to plead to the indictment next Wednesday.

Mr. Cohn appeared in court yesterday and asked that the matter be added to the calendar. He was represented by Thomas A. Bolan, a former assistant United States Attorney, who is now a partner in Mr. Cohn's law firm, Saxe, Bacon and O'Shea.

After Mr. Cohn had pleaded not guilty, Mr. Morgenthau told Judge Dudley B. Emsal that the Government would not object if the defendant was released on his own recognizance.

Mr. Gottesman will plead on Wednesday.



Roy M. Cohn talking with reporters after he appeared in Federal Court. At the left is his lawyer, Thomas A. Bolan.

Morgenthau Statement

In answer to Mr. Cohn's statements to the press, Mr. Morgenthau said:

"The case against defendant Cohn is now before the court. His guilt or innocence will be decided at the proper time by a court and jury on the evidence presented. Therefore, the United States Attorney's office will have no comment on any statement issued by the defendant outside of court."

Court records show that three indictments were returned against defendants accused of stock fraud in the sale of unregistered shares of the United Dye and Chemical Corporation.

The first indictment was returned on Aug. 2, 1959, and named as defendants Alexander L. Guterman, convicted stock swindler; Virgil D. Dardi, former president of the company; Lowell M. Birrell, fugitive financier, and four others. The four men Mr. Cohn is accused of trying to help were named as co-conspirators but not defendants.

The second, returned under the same officials, accused the four Mr. Cohn was allegedly interested in and Guterman, of stock fraud.

The third true bill, obtained by Mr. Morgenthau's office, involved the defendants in the two previous indictments, plus others, and consolidated and enlarged the charges. The defendants went to trial, except Guterman, who pleaded guilty and testified for the Government. The four involved in the alleged fix-conspiracy pleaded guilty during the trial.

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Pleads Innocent in Cohn Case

Murray E. Gottesman, New York attorney, indicted Wednesday with Roy M. Cohn made a surprise appearance in Federal Court today to plead innocent.

The two men were indicted jointly on charges of perjury and attempting to obstruct justice by trying to prevent the indictment of four men in a stock fraud deal.

Gottesman, 56, of 70 E. 17th St., originally was scheduled to appear next Wednesday with Cohn to plead to the charges.

Cohn, a former assistant United States attorney, and one-time special counsel in the Joseph E. McCarthy anti-Communist inquiries, entered his plea of innocence yesterday.

Gottesman appeared at the U.S. Courthouse in Foley Square with his attorney, Henry Chapman, proceeded to Room 318, where the criminal calendar was being called and asked that his case be added to the pleadings.

Judge Dudley B. Bonsal consented and U.S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau was summoned to complete the proceeding.

Like Cohn, Gottesman was released in his own recognizance. He issued a brief statement declaring his innocence and asserting that he had done nothing wrong or improper.

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Cohn's Co-Defendant —A Change of Pace

Murray E. Gottesman, the Manhattan lawyer indicted on Wednesday with Roy M. Cohn for perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice, made a quiet surprise visit to Federal Court yesterday and pleaded innocent.

In contrast with the fanfare and excitement that attended Mr. Cohn's similar pleading on Thursday, the action of Mr. Gottesman was not even known to reporters until after it had occurred.

As was the case with Mr. Cohn, Mr. Gottesman was released without bail in his own recognizance and allowed 30 days in which to file notice of any possible motions.

The indictment of the two men traces to a 1959 stock fraud case. The government charges that Mr. Cohn and Mr. Gottesman sought to prevent the indictment of four men, and that they lied to a grand jury.

Mr. Gottesman, 56, of 70 E. 10th St., was accompanied yesterday by his lawyer, Henry Chapman. After the pleading, United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau called the press room with the notification.

Both Mr. Cohn and Mr. Gottesman have issued denials of the charges. Mr. Cohn described the action against him as a "personal vendetta" by Mr. Morgenthau.

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Gottesman Also Pleads Not Guilty

Murray E. Gottesman, Manhattan lawyer indicted with attorney Roy M. Cohn on charges of perjury and tampering with witnesses, pleaded innocent in a surprise appearance yesterday in Federal Court.

Cohn, who pleaded not guilty Thursday, and Gottesman are accused of plotting to obstruct justice in a government probe into fraud involving sale of unregistered stock of the United Dye and Chemical Corp.

GOTTESMAN, 58, of 70 E. 10th St., had been scheduled to plead to the charges next Wednesday. When he appeared with his attorney at the U.S. Courthouse in Foley Square, Federal Judge Bonsal agreed to hear his plea and notified U.S. Attorney Morgenthau.

Morgenthau told the court he was not seeking bail in the case and Gottesman, like Cohn, was released in his own recognizance. The two have been allowed 30 days in which to file notice of possible motions in the case.

Cohn has branded the action against him as a "personal vendetta" by Morgenthau.

Gottesman, after the indictment, declared his innocence and said he had done nothing wrong or improper.

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Roy Cohn vs. Bob Kennedy:

The Great Rematch

Washington, Sept. 7 (NEWS Bureau)—The indictment of Roy M. Cohn this week on charges of perjury and tampering with witnesses before a grand jury was something considerably more than a routine federal indictment. It was the almost inevitable culmination of a sizzling feud the onetime wonder boy and Attorney General Robert Kennedy have been carrying on for almost a decade.

It was a feud in which, on at least one occasion, fists supplanted words. And it was a feud in which Bobby Kennedy, dealing increasingly from a position of strength, managed to have the last word.

Bobby's position of strength enabled him to tighten the noose on Cohn on Labor Day night, two days before the indictment was announced.

Super-Secret Meeting

News sources revealed today that Kennedy called a super-secret meeting of top Justice Department officials here Monday night. There was only one item on the agenda—the approaching indictment of Cohn.

U. S. Attorney Robert M.

Morgenthau was summoned here from New York and ordered to go ahead with the prosecution and to do everything he could to win the case against the bantam New York attorney.

The roster of Justice Department people present was an impressive one. The group included Nicholas deB. Katzenbach, chief of the Criminal Division; William G. Hundley, special assistant to Kennedy and several other top Kennedy aids.

Probe Took 18 Months

The case against Cohn had been probed for 18 months. Three federal grand juries had pon-

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dered J. Kennedy felt that the time to act was now.

Veteran observers here do not recall whether Kennedy and Cohn were ever particularly close. But whatever amity ever existed between the two ended definitely and violently on a day in June 1964, during Sen. Joseph McCarthy's row with the Army.

Cohn was McCarthy's chief counsel on the Senate subcommittee. Kennedy was counsel to the Democratic minority. At the moment, Cohn was a witness, testifying about a program that he and his aid, J. David Schime, were pushing for the improvement of U.S. information operations, "to liven them up in place of some of the dry stuff with which Communism was being combated, particularly overseas."

Saw Kennedy Laughing

Cohn noticed that Kennedy was laughing as he testified, and that Bobby kept tittering during subsequent testimony by other witnesses. Cohn became particularly angry because Kennedy was not only having great fun, but was feeding questions to Sen. Henry Jackson (D-Wash.), a member of the committee.

When the hearing broke up, Cohn confronted Kennedy and told him he thought his hearing-room maneuvers were "pretty dirty."

Kennedy shouted at Cohn: "Look. You and all your gang aren't going to stop me. I'll do as I please and if you don't like it, we can settle it outside."

Cohn is quoted as replying: "Fine, let's step outside now and settle it."

Senator Breaks It Up

In the corridor, the two committee lawyers started throwing punches. There weren't many and little physical damage was done. Sen. Karl E. Mundt (R-S.D.) broke it up. The fight was over but the feud had just begun.

Cohn's associates say that Bobby, through the years, has penned a whole series of derogatory remarks about Cohn in books and magazine articles.

Kennedy has never forgotten or forgiven. Not too long ago, both were house guests of singer Morton Downey, a close chum of all the Kennedys, in Hyannis Port.

Bobby turned
But Cohn had

ROY M. COHN, the boy-wonder investigator of the Joseph R. McCarthy era, returned to the limelight in the role of a defendant in a perjury and conspiracy case. Cohn and Murray E. Gottesman, 56, a Manhattan lawyer, were indicted by a Federal grand jury Wednesday on charges of testifying falsely during a grand jury probe of a \$5 million stock swindle involving the United Dye and Chemical Co. Further, the indictment alleged that Cohn tried to color the testimony of other witnesses. Cohn, once the relentless young cross-examiner, was bitter at landing on the other side of the coin. He claimed "slander" and "harassment" and hotly declared that the charges were "trumped up" by United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau, "for personal revenge."

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Asks Cohn 'Frame' Charge Probe

Dallas, Tex., Sept. 8 (AP)—President Robert Morris of the Defenders of American Liberties,

a civil liberties group, urged today that a separate body investigate the claim by Roy M. Cohn that charges against him in a stock fraud case were trumped up and motivated by political revenge.

Cohn, once the chief aid to the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, was indicted by a federal grand jury in New York City last Wednesday on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice in an investigation involving the sale of unregistered stock of United Dye & Chemical Corp.

He pleaded innocent and issued

a written statement listing 11 points intended to refute the government's case. Most of the points contended that U.S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau of New York wanted to "get something on Roy Cohn," and said he offered deals of leniency to defendants in some cases if they would help.

Morris wrote a letter to Morgenthau urging to join Cohn in asking that an independent body look into the 11 charges. He said most of Cohn's contentions could not be resolved during a trial and required outside determination.

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Gottesman, Indicted With Cohn, Also Pleads Innocent to Charges

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter

NEW YORK — Murray E. Gottesman, a New York attorney indicted with Roy M. Cohn on charges of perjury and attempting to obstruct justice, pleaded innocent to the charges last Friday. Mr. Cohn had done the same thing the day before. They hadn't been scheduled to plead until Wednesday.

The Federal indictment developed from the \$5 million United Dye & Chemical Corp. stock fraud case. The Government charges Mr. Gottesman and Mr. Cohn "entered into a scheme" whereby three Las Vegas gamblers and their attorney "would not be named as defendants in any indictment that might be voted" by a 1969 grand jury looking into the United Dye case.

It is charged that Mr. Gottesman got in touch with the then chief assistant U.S. attorney for the southern district of New York, Morton Robson, "to effectuate the arrangement" that the Government charges was reached to keep the Las Vegas figures from being indicted.

Three years later, in 1962, the Government further alleges, Messrs. Gottesman and Cohn conspired to have witnesses lie to a new grand jury that was then investigating possible official bribery in connection with the original grand-jury inquiry into the United Dye case. The two defendants are also accused of threatening the witnesses.

The 56-year-old Mr. Gottesman was released without bail, as Mr. Cohn had been.

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GROUP SEES PLOT TO HARASS COHN

Urges Inquiry Into 'Political
Revenge' in Charges

By PETER KIHSS

A right-wing civil liberties group urged yesterday that a special American Bar Association or Congressional inquiry be set up to study Roy M. Cohn's charges of "political revenge" in a perjury indictment against him.

The appeal was made public by the Defenders of American Liberties through its president, Robert Morris of Dallas, former counsel to the Senate Internal Security subcommittee. Chief Judge Sylvester J. Ryan is to hear a motion in Federal Court next Thursday by Mr. Cohn, seeking a special judge to hear his case and appending an affidavit citing 11 examples of alleged efforts against him.

Mr. Cohn, former counsel to Senator Joseph R. McCarthy's Senate investigations subcommittee, charged that United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau's office had used threats and promises to try to get testimony against him. He also contended that "as part of a program of harassment, the Internal Revenue Service was ordered in to join the case."

Mr. Morgenthau declined any comment again yesterday on the pending case. Mr. Morris said in Dallas that he had sent an airmail appeal to the prosecutor Friday urging him to join in Mr. Cohn's proposal for a separate inquiry.

Questions Staff Actions

The letter by Mr. Morris said that "from time to time during the last year, the department of members of your staff before the Federal grand juries" in the Cohn investigation had been brought to the attention of his group.

"While this evidence reflected serious badgering and abuse of witnesses and a tendentiousness that seemed inconsistent with dispassionate fact-finding, the D. A. L. respected the secrecy of the grand jury proceedings and took no action," the letter went on.

Now, however Mr. Morris wrote, "the matter is in the public domain." He added:

"Confidence in our public officials, particularly those charged with law enforcement, is an important ingredient of a healthy society. . . .

"While every contention of a defendant cannot be investigated without bringing to a halt the forward moving wheels of justice, these particular charges, having as they do a record of personal conflict between the parties, that reaches into the arena of politics and national security, are to that extent unusual."

'Modeled' on A.C.L.U.

Mr. Cohn has been fighting an indictment filed last Wednesday charging perjury and obstruction of justice in efforts to prevent indictment of four men in a stock fraud case.

The Defenders of American

Liberties has taken up more than 100 cases since its incorporation in Illinois in July, 1962, as a tax-exempt body. Mr. Morris, its unsalaried president and counsel, said it had been "modeled on the American Civil Liberties Union, but with emphasis on different positions."

The two groups, he said, have been at odds so far in only one field: His group has been intervening on behalf of prayer and Bible-reading in public schools, and is preparing to aid the Los Angeles school defense against a suit that would delete the "under God" reference from the Pledge of Allegiance.

One batch of its cases, he said, has been defense against "big government." Thus, it successfully intervened when former Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Walker was sent to a prison hospital psychiatric ward without any advance examination. It is currently pressing a Supreme Court case for a farmer threatened with jail for overplanting.

Another set of cases, Mr. Morris said, has involved aid to anti-Communist demonstrators, including seven persons arrested in Yonkers for picketing a store selling Soviet-bloc goods.

It has also submitted affidavits seeking parole and clemency for Harry Gold, a cooperative Government witness in the Rosenberg spy case who was himself sentenced to 30 years for espionage.

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USA ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU, SONY advised
this date that ROY COHN is to be interviewed
tonight on the BARRY GRAY radio program. The
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from 11:05 PM to 1:00 AM. USA MORGENTHAU
requested the FBI make a transcript of the COHN
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It is requested that the FBI transcribe
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Cohn: Bobby and I Stepped Outside

By BOB WILLIAMS

Roy Cohn said today that he and Robert F. Kennedy had a "virtual fist fight" in a Capitol corridor 10 years ago—and insisted that all his current trouble with the federal government springs from that time.

He has been the victim of a "gang-up" in which Kennedy waged "attacks on me" in books and other fields, ending last week, Cohn said, with his indictment for perjury and tampering with witnesses.

"It happened during the Army-McCarthy hearings," Cohn told interviewer Barry Gray on WMCA. "I guess Kennedy didn't like me."

Asked why the alleged animus developed, Cohn snapped, "Aren't you being silly? Everyone who's followed history knows the Attorney General hates my guts."

"I went to work for McCarthy as chief counsel. Kennedy went to work as counsel. We had wide differences. They grew and grew until we had a virtual fist fight."

Charged 'Dirty' Tactics

Gray read a published report of the battle which reportedly began when Kennedy, counsel for the Democratic minority on the Senate committee allegedly snickered during testimony by Cohn. When the hearing ended, Cohn accused Kennedy of using "pretty dirty" tactics.

According to the story, Kennedy insisted he'd do as he pleased and that "if you don't like it we can settle it outside," whereupon Cohn accepted.

They slugged it out briefly in the corridor, doing a minimum of damage before Sen. Mundt intervened, according to

the report.

During more than an hour interview with Gray, Cohn reiterated charges that the Justice Dept. was using "Gestapo and police-state methods" as part of "a plot to get me by" U. S. Attorney Morgenthau and his "superiors."

Couldn't See Parallel

Gray said many people feel Cohn is now getting the same kind of treatment as he did to many of the witnesses before the roughing-up McCarthy committee—but Cohn could see no parallel.

"We were dealing with threats to security and in the right to believe in God," Cohn explained. "This was a pretty serious condition." He added that witnesses had rights of counsel and other rights which the committee tried to respect.

"I just don't believe in the abuse of government power," Cohn said.

"When I see what's happening in the Hoffa case and other things, he told Gray, "I think we did a pretty good job in keeping things in balance."

Kennedy's case against him would "make Sen. McCarthy look pale by comparison," the attorney-industrialist said.

Cohn was indicted for an alleged attempt to quash charges in a federal inquiry into the United Dye and Chemical Corp.

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USA ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU, SDNY, on 9/10/63 requested that the FBI attempt to determine if the residence telephone of AUSA GERALD WALPIN, SDNY, has been tapped by COHN. USA, SDNY explained that the "Sunday News" issue of 9/8/63 contained an article re this case in which a meeting with AG ROBERT KENNEDY on last Labor Day was detailed. USA stated that he feels the only way this info could have been developed was through interception of a phone call he, USA MORGENTHAU made to AUSA WALPIN on Labor Day informing him of the conference and arranging to meet him at the airport for their trip to Washington.

AUSA GERALD WALPIN resides at [REDACTED] b7c

This matter was discussed with ASAC A. M. BRYANT and he instructed it be referred to Supvr #14

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
Former AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOI; PERJURY

GOTTESMAN and COHN indicted by FGJ, SDNY on 9/4/63.
USA, SDNY, advised pertinent portion of GOTTESMAN's perjury
indictment involves false testimony by him before the FGJ
regarding an [REDACTED]

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USA, SDNY, has requested that the Detroit Division
interview [REDACTED] to attempt to determine the date of the
installation of the air-conditioner in the living room of the
suite. Detroit is also requested to attempt to ascertain from
[REDACTED] any knowledge he may have regarding any physical
changes made in the suite since July, 1959.

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The Bureau has instructed that all leads in this matter are to be covered in five days and that all persons interviewed are to be informed that this investigation is at the request of the USA.

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TO :

SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

DATE: 9/12/63

FROM :

SA [REDACTED] #221

SUBJECT:

MORTON ROBSON
FORMER AUSA, SDNY
ROY COHN
BRIBERY

at the request of AUSA WALPIN

On 9/11/63, SAS [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] on instructions of Supervisor [REDACTED], proceeded [REDACTED]. Contact with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] First Division, NYCPD, reflected that one [REDACTED] who according to the [REDACTED] had made an anonymous telephone call to AUSA GERALD WALPIN, SDNY, the afternoon of 9/11/63, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] was contacted by Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] and he expressed a willingness to be interviewed by AUSA GERALD WALPIN, SDNY. [REDACTED] was thereafter transported via Bureau car by Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to the U. S. Court House, SDNY, where he was introduced to AUSA WALPIN. Agents [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] then departed. [REDACTED] was transported [REDACTED]

The following description of [REDACTED] was obtained:

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Cohn Asks One Judge For the Entire Case

Roy M. Cohn today asked Federal Judge Ryan to name a single judge to preside over all proceedings in connection with his forthcoming trial on charges of perjury and conspiracy to

When the U. S. Attorney's office said it had no objection, Judge Ryan reserved decision and indicated he would rule by tomorrow. It was expected he would grant the application.

Cohn, 36, former chief counsel to the late Sen. McCarthy's Senate Investigations subcommittee, was indicted last week on charges of trying to prevent the indictment of four chief figures in the multi-million United Dye and Chemical Corp.

stock fraud. He pleaded not guilty.

Cohn's attorney, Thomas A. Bolan, appeared before Judge Ryan today with the application for a single judge to hear all proceedings, including the trial, as a means of expediting matters.

Cohn's co-defendant, Murray E. Gottesman, 56, an attorney, was expected to be included in any agreement for a single judge.

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13 NEW YORK POST

Date: 9/12/63
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Editor: DOROTHY SCHIFF
Title: MORTON ROBSON FORMER
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U.S. TO ALLOW COHN SPECIAL TRIAL JUDGE

The Government said yesterday that it would have no objection to the designation of "a particular" judge to handle all aspects of the case of Roy M. Cohn.

Mr. Cohn, former chief counsel to the Senate Investigations subcommittee under the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, was indicted last week on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice in connection with a stock-fraud case.

Mr. Cohn had presented a motion to Judge Sylvester J. Ryan for the designation of a particular judge under Rule 2 of the Federal Rules of Procedure.

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34 NEW YORK TIMES

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Author:

Editor: TURNER CATLEDGE

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To Name Judge for Cohn Trial

Chief Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan may name today the judge who will preside at the trial of Roy M. Cohn perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice trial. Yesterday, Assistant U. S. Attorney Gerald Walpin advised Judge Ryan that the government had no objection to the assigning of one judge to handle all matters in the Cohn case.

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Memorandum

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DATE: 9/13/63

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FROM : SA [REDACTED] #221

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, ET AL
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USA, SDNY advised that he had received info that one [REDACTED] NYC, possessed valuable info which would assist in the prosecution of COHN. [REDACTED] interviewed at request of USA by SA [REDACTED] on 9/12/63.

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[REDACTED]
Records of Sing Sing Prison reviewed 9/13/63 & reflected that [REDACTED] is presently incarcerated at [REDACTED]

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Above info furnished to USA, SDNY. He requested that an SA from NYO familiar with captioned case interview [REDACTED] since nature of info he is alleged to possess is unknown and if it has a direct bearing on the case, the interviewing agent should be in possession of all the facts of this matter to intelligently pursue the interview.

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COHN DEMANDS TRIAL QUICKLY; JUDGE NAMED, NO DATE IS SET

By Milton Lewis

Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson will preside at the trial of Roy M. Cohn on charges of perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

A Republican appointed to the bench in 1954 by former President Eisenhower, Judge Dawson was named yesterday by Chief Federal Judge Sylvester J. Ryan to handle all phases of the case, including pre-trial motions. No date has been set for the trial itself, which will be before a jury.

U. S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau did not oppose Mr. Cohn's move to have the same judge assigned for all purposes. But Mr. Morgenthau did observe that such an appointment usually was made only in complicated cases which involved "novel questions" of law.

The prosecutor said he thought there were no such questions—but he still did not oppose the application of Mr. Cohn, former chief counsel to the McCarthy Senate investigating subcommittee.

After Chief Judge Ryan assigned Judge Dawson, Mr.

Cohn filed another affidavit in which he again attacked the U. S. Attorney's office, using such words as "gross misconduct" and "foul play." Mr. Cohn's indictment stems from his alleged attempts to avert the indictment of four persons in a huge stock fraud. The four subsequently were accused—and pleaded guilty. Mr. Cohn, who demanded

"as speedy a trial as is possible," used a variation in his latest affidavit of words he invoked last week, when he was named in the true bill. If convicted as charged, he can get up to 40 years in prison. He is 36.

Among other things, he alleged that "the indictment... is a vicious piece of deception" and that "sinister techniques" had been used by the prosecution to ruin his "career and reputation." He has been making an estimated \$250,000 a year.

Last week, after Mr. Cohn held a series of press conferences and accused Mr. Morgenthau of "politics," the U. S. Attorney said:

"His guilt or innocence will be decided at the proper time by a court and jury on the evidence presented."

Judge Dawson is a former president of the New York Young Republican Club.

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DATE: 9/17/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #221

SUBJECT: MARTIN ROSSON ET AL
BRIBERY; OOB; PERJURY

Enclosed herewith are 2 copies of a transcription of the BARRY GRAY Radio Program on station WMCA at 11:05 PM on 9/9/63. GRAY interviewed ROY COHN on the occasion.

A copy of this transcript was also disseminated this date to USA R.M. MORGENTHAU, SDNY.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER
AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY E.
GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

ReNYairtels to Chicago, 7/17-19/63, and Chicago report dated 7/25/63.

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USA, SDNY, requests the following be checked at the [REDACTED] for times of checking in and out, any telephone calls made and any other information available during September, 1962; Championship Sports Incorporated, NYC; [REDACTED]

The Bureau has instructed that all persons interviewed in this investigation are to be informed the investigation is at the request of the USA and that all leads are to be covered and reported in five days.

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Loud and Clear, Cohn Pleads He's Innocent and Then Some

By NORMA ABRAMS and HENRY LEE

Roy M. Cohn, the onetime boy wonder of government prosecuting circles, loudly pleaded not guilty yesterday in Federal Court to charges of lying before a grand jury and tampering with other witnesses and then handed up his own stinging, 11-count "indictment" against U. S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau.

Bluntly, the 36-year-old lawyer, financier and sports promoter charged that Morgenthau had hired an "international bounty hunter" to "get something on Cohn," that "deals" had been offered defendants in return for information against him, and that even "gangsters and racketeers" had been promised immunity "to give perjured evidence against me."

The case was "conceived in intimidation, threat and blackmail," he said, and Morgenthau "has reason to know" the charges are untrue. They resulted "solely from personal animus, the desire for political revenge and an attempt to pander to the long-standing prejudice of his superiors."

Mixing metaphors out of Sicily and the Old West, he accused "Morgenthau and company" of waging "a vendetta to get my

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(NEWS foto by Judd Mahlman)
Roy Cohn states his case at
press conference.

scalp." He would not directly say that "and company" included U.S. Attorney General Robert Kennedy, who served under him on the McCarthy Senate Investigating Committee and succeeded him as chief counsel.

"History speaks for itself," he said. "I've never been invited to one of his swimming pool parties."

Pressed whether Kennedy or his brother, the President, might have had any part in the "harsh, disappointing, sorry situation," Cohn said, "I'm letting you draw your own conclusions."

But he did unveil "a background" between himself and

Morgenthau, originally political, which "developed into a personal thing 11 or 12 years ago." This was an outgrowth of Cohn's governmental investigation of "Soviet infiltration in the Treasury Department," long headed by the prosecutor's father, the late Secretary of the Treasury Henry M. Morgenthau Jr.

3 Press Conferences

Cohn's depiction of himself as a man hounded the past two years by Morgenthau was developed in depth at three press conferences in the Federal Building and in his law offices, Saxe, Bacon & O'Shea, 598 Madison Ave., and in a prepared statement spelling out his "indictment" of the prosecutor.

Cohn's "indictment" included "counts" that:

The U.S. attorney's office and a Department of Justice representative told a lawyer here that a client indicted in a securities fraud case "could get off free if he would 'give us something on Roy Cohn'."

Government representative told two defendants "they were out to get two people," one of the names mentioned "was mine," and "deals were offered these defendants."

A foreigner under indictment was returned under guarantee

of safe conduct" to New York where Morgenthau and an assistant assertedly said, "The man we're really after is Roy Cohn." He was offered a dismissal "if he would say what they wanted."

In a "prominent" case Morgenthau delayed sentence of "those from whom he sought to extract something unfavorable concerning me. To whip these defendants in line, he 'deferred' their sentences with promises of leniency if they play his game, and threats of long jail terms if they do not."

"Denied Quiz Records"

Cohn was summoned a dozen times before three grand juries, once for nine consecutive jury days, and "hundreds" of his records demanded. Morgenthau has "refused or ignored" Cohn's requests for copies, or at least an inventory, "of these hundreds of papers."

Much of the government's case centers on the exclusion of four names from an original indictment in a securities fraud case when Morton S. Robson was chief assistant U. S. attorney. Actually, it develops, the four were named as co-conspirators and in a second, related indictment as defendants. Later, under Morgenthau, a superseding indictment packaged the charges contained in the two earlier cases.

DARES MORGENTHAU TO PROSECUTE PERSONALLY

Roy Cohn in Court,

Denies Guilt

Roy M. Cohn yesterday challenged U. S. Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau to personally prosecute him on charges of perjury and obstructing justice.

Cohn, who was chief counsel to the Senate Permanent Investigations subcommittee under the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, hurled his defy after pleading not guilty to a 10-count Federal grand jury indictment.

After entering the plea before Judge Dudley B. Bonsal, Cohn issued a statement citing 11 instances to establish what he described as Morgenthau's determination "to get me."

Cohn, in a series of written and oral statements, fired several verbal blasts at the White House, called the charges "trumped up" and accused Morgenthau of "an attempt to pander to the long-standing prejudice of his superiors."

"The feeling here is that somebody up there doesn't like me," he remarked.

Asserting the Justice Department was spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in its investigation of his affairs, Cohn

demanding a hearing before an impartial board, such as a Bar Assn. committee or Senate Judiciary Committee to air his charges that Morgenthau was motivated by "personal animus and a desire for political revenge."

AT MORGENTHAU'S request, Judge Bonsal ordered the 36-year-old Cohn fingerprinted. Bonsal agreed, also at Morgenthau's request, to release Cohn on his own recognizance—without bail pending trial.

In his statement to the press, Cohn charged Morgenthau had paid thousands to "an international bounty hunter" to get him. Cohn insisted he would ultimately name the "hunter" whom he described as a private detective—only under oath before an impartial hearing board.

Cohn further charged that "word was spread through Federal Detention Headquarters in this area that any prisoner willing to tell his story implicating me could look forward to mitigation of his sentence or perhaps freedom."

HE CLAIMED the Internal Revenue Service was ordered to

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"Join the chase" as part of "the program of harassment" and that:

"Immunity has been promised to gangsters and racketeers in order to get perjured evidence against me."

When he called for a hearing before an impartial board which should have "no connection with Morgenthau or those above or below him," Cohn was asked whether he was referring to Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

"Mr. Kennedy is Mr. Morgenthau's superior," he replied. "You can draw your own conclusions."

HE GAVE THE SAME answer when asked whether President Kennedy or the Attorney General played any part in the events leading up to his indictment.

As for Robert Kennedy, Cohn replied:

"History speaks for itself. I have never been invited to any of his swimming parties."

He said a Morgenthau "confidant" told him the prosecutor's "personal animus" dated to the days when he was chief counsel of the McCarthy committee.

He said he was directed to investigate the employment by the Treasury Department of Harry Dexter White, suspected of being a member of the "Communist conspiracy" in the U.S. He said the probe showed White was hired by Morgenthau's father, former Treasury Secretary Henry Morgenthau Jr.

"I have no personal feeling of malice toward Mr. Morgenthau Sr.," said Cohn. "I never met

him. I say somebody up there just doesn't like me. Mr. Morgenthau Jr. has harbored a feeling about this."

COHN CALLED HIMSELF "a victim of the day" and termed the jury which indicted him a "Morgenthau rubber stamp operation."

About 200 persons milled about the courthouse steps when Cohn arrived to plead to charges of complicity in a plot to prevent indictment of four manipulators of United Dye and Chemical Corp. stock. The fraudulent manipulations cost the public \$5,000,000.

"This is the biggest crowd since the Army-McCarthy hearings," Cohn said. He was accompanied by his counsel, Thomas Bolan, a law associate. Facing Judge Bonsal, Cohn said, "I plead not guilty to each of the charges."



Roy Cohn (right) talks with newsmen in Federal Court at Foley Sq., where he pleaded not guilty to charges against him, then hurled dramatic challenge at U. S. Attorney Robert Morgenthau.

(Mirror Photo by Arthur S. Wastan)

DAWSON IS NAMED COHN CASE JUDGE

Motion for Special Handling
Is Granted by Court

By EDWARD RANZAL

Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson was designated yesterday to preside over all legal matters pertaining to the case of Roy M. Cohn, who is charged with perjury and obstruction of justice.

Judge Dawson was selected by Chief Judge Sylvester J. Ryan, who granted a motion by Mr. Cohn for the appointment of a "particular" judge in his case under Rule 2 of the General Rules of the District Court.

The granting of the motion did not mean that Mr. Cohn was given the right to name the judge in the case. Rather, it meant that Judge Ryan named a judge he considered particularly able to handle details of the case.

A Republican appointee of former President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Judge Dawson has the reputation of running a strict court and meting out severe prison sentences.

The Government did not object to the designation of a particular judge under Rule 2, which provides for such appointments in protracted cases, where novel questions of law are to be introduced and where there will be many pretrial motions.

The Government said, however, that Mr. Cohn's case did not meet the requirements of Rule 2.

In granting Mr. Cohn's motion, Judge Ryan said: "Judge Dawson is designated as a Rule 2 judge and all matters and proceedings heretofore had shall be placed before him."

In papers submitted to Judge Ryan before his decision, Mr.

Cohn, former chief counsel to the Senate Subcommittee on Investigations under the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, again accused United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau of "gross misconduct" and "foul play" in his handling of the Cohn indictment.

Mr. Cohn charged that "the indictment itself is a vicious piece of deception," and that "sinister techniques" had been employed by Government prosecutors to ruin his "career and reputation."

He asserted that the indictment accused him of entering into a scheme with Samuel S. Garfield, an oil promoter, to prevent the indictment of Garfield and three others in a stock fraud case involving the United Dye and Chemical Corporation.

The Government, he said, accused him of dealing with Murray E. Gottesman, a lawyer named as a defendant in the Cohn indictment, who in turn got in contact with former Chief Assistant United States Attorney Morton S. Robson to prevent the four from being indicted.

An indictment was returned in 1959 in the United Dye case in which the four men were named as co-conspirators, but not defendants. Mr. Cohn said that Mr. Morgenthau had omitted the fact that while Mr. Robson was still in office an indictment was returned against the four. He charged Mr. Morgenthau with "maliciously distorting the truth."

A superseding indictment was obtained after Mr. Morgenthau took office in 1961, embracing two previous indictments and adding additional charges and defendants.

Thomas A. Bolan, one of Mr. Cohn's law partners, said, in the papers submitted to the court, that Mr. Cohn desired "as speedy a trial as is possible." He said that the case was long and involved and that the trial would probably take two to three months.

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ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY
(OO: NEW YORK)

Reurairtel, 9/11/63.

On 9/16/63, inquiry was made at the Office of [REDACTED] and it was learned that [REDACTED] Telephonic contact with [REDACTED], developed that [REDACTED]

Detroit will interview [REDACTED] as set out in referenced Airtel upon his return to Detroit.

2 - New York
1 - Detroit

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ALBANY (58-152)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

USA, SDNY, advised that ROY COHN in the past has had stock dealings with Chatham Securities Inc., a security company which is now out of business. USA advised that in 1960, Chatham was located about 52nd St. and Madison Ave., NYC.

The Albany Division is requested to check the records of the NYS Department of State for any information available there regarding the above company.

The Bureau has instructed that all persons interviewed in this investigation are to be informed that the investigation is at the request of the USA and that all leads are to be covered and reported in five days.

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

FROM: SAC, NEWARK (58-442) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

Re NY airtel to Newark and Washington Field 9/17/63.

Enclosed herewith are eight copies of an FD-302
reflecting a review of records at [REDACTED] b7cThe information at [REDACTED]
was made available on a confidential basis by [REDACTED]
to SA [REDACTED] (A). |2 - New York (Enc. 24) — Detailed to report
1 - Newark
[REDACTED] b7cApproved: RWB/mt

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, WASHINGTON FIELD (58-773)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
Roy Cohn; Murray E.
Gottesman
BRIBERY; O.O.J.; PERJURY

USA, SDNY, has advised that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], testified before the
FGJ, SDNY, on 7/31/63. In her testimony she mentioned
that [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

The Washington Field Office is requested to
check the records of the Passport Office of the Department
of State and obtain any information available there on
[REDACTED] or his wife.

2 - Washington Field
1 - New York

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9/25/63

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BOSTON (58-271)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

**SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER
AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY**

USA, SDNY, advised that one [REDACTED] had been the subject of a stock fraud investigation by the SEC. [REDACTED] with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] were alleged to be purchasing stock under fictitious names and then often selling this stock short.

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USA related that [REDACTED] retained as his attorney [REDACTED] of ROY COHN's law firm, Saxe, Bacon and O'Shea, 598 Madison Ave., NYC. According to SEC, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] had a conference with [REDACTED] at the office of Saxe, Bacon and O'Shea. [REDACTED] recessed this conference and made arrangements to meet [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] later the same day in a NYC restaurant. At this restaurant, [REDACTED] arrived with a stenographer and proceeded to take a statement from [REDACTED] in which [REDACTED] stated that he engaged in these stock fraud operations at the direction of [REDACTED]

USA further advised that [REDACTED] later advised SEC Representatives that he had engaged in the stock fraud at the direction of [REDACTED] and did not know [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] later consented to an injunction by SEC preventing them from any activity as above in stock operations in the future. [REDACTED] had an SEC move for an injunction against him squashed.

2 - Boston
1 - New York

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USA, SDNY, requested that [redacted] be interviewed to determine the circumstances of his statement to [redacted] and what was his actual position in the above matter. USA further requested that any information [redacted] possessed regarding the stock fraud, [redacted] or ROY COHN, be obtained during the interview.

[redacted]

[redacted]

The Boston Division is requested to locate and interview [redacted] as set forth above.

The Bureau has instructed that all persons interviewed in this investigation are to be informed that the investigation is at the request of the USA and that all leads are to be covered and reported in five days.

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Date: 9/27/63

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

FROM: SAC, ALBANY (58-152)(RUC)

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
Former AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

Re New York airtel 9/19/63.

On 9/26/63, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] NYS Department of State, Albany, NY, advised
SA [REDACTED] that the files of his department
reflect that Chatham Securities Corporation was
incorporated in the State of New York pursuant to
Article 2 of the Stock Corporation Law on 4/28/59,
papers being filed with the Secretary of State of NYS
on 5/1/59. Incorporation papers reflect names of directors
of the corporation as follows:

MAX J. WEIZENBLUT, 23 Crossway, Scarsdale, NY;
HAROLD W. ROSENBERG, 46 Hampton Road, Scarsdale,
NY;
RUTH ROSENBERG, 46 Hampton Road, Scarsdale, NY.

A Certificate of Dissolution of Chatham
Securities Corporation, according to [REDACTED] was filed
with the Department of State on 3/29/63. The Certificate

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of Dissolution reflects that the directors of the corporation, in addition to MAX WEIZENBLUT and HAROLD W. ROSENBERG, with addresses as set out above, were JOSEPH ROSENBERG of 2451 Webb Avenue, Bronx 68, NY and HERMAN MORSE of 521 Fifth Avenue, NY, NY. The Dissolution Certificate reflects MAX J. WEIZENBLUTH as President and HAROLD W. ROSENBERG as Secretary-Treasurer of the corporation.

 made available photostatic copies of Certificate of Incorporation and the Certificate of Dissolution of Chatham Securities Corporation and these photostats are attached herewith for the OO. b7c

There is no additional pertinent information concerning Chatham Securities Corporation in the files of the NYS Department of State.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (58-5100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

MORTON ROBSON, FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

USA, SDNY, ADVISED THIS DATE THAT ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER FOUR NEXT, USDJ ARCHIE O. DAWSON, SDNY, HAS REQUESTED CONFERENCE WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF OFFICE OF USA, SDNY, AND ATTORNEYS FOR COHN AND GOTTESMAN. USA OPINED PURPOSE WOULD POSSIBLY BE TO HEAR MOTIONS AND SET TRIAL DATE. NYO WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS MATTER CLOSELY AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

1 - New York (58-1232)

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TO: SAC, BOSTON (58-271)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
SUBJECT: NORTON ROESON, FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OCS; PERJURY

USA, SDNY, advised that principals in this
matter reportedly made certain contacts from the
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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2- Boston
2- Chicago (58-466)
2- Miami (58-279)
2- Springfield
1- New York

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Offices receiving copies of this communication are requested to determine the identities of [REDACTED] within their respective divisions. Thereafter, [REDACTED], and indices check should be conducted regarding these individuals.

The Bureau has instructed that all leads in this matter are to be covered in 5 DAYS. All persons interviewed are to be informed that this investigation is at the request of the USA.

10/2/63

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, MIAMI (58-279)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

**SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY**

USA, SDNY, advised that ROY COHN, in testifying
before the EGI, SDNY, advised that he [REDACTED] b3

The Miami Division is requested to review the
records of the [REDACTED] to attempt to
identify [REDACTED] and to obtain his NYC residence or
business address so he may be interviewed by the NYO. b7c
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The Bureau has instructed that all leads in this
matter are to be covered in five days and that all persons
interviewed are to be informed that this investigation is
at the request of the USA.

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Date: 10/8/63

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
FROM: SAC, BOSTON (58-271) (RUC)
SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY
OO: NEW YORK

Re New York airtel to Boston 10/2/63.

Enclosed for New York are original and 9 copies
of an FD 302 setting forth the identity to [REDACTED]

The identity of [REDACTED] was
obtained on October 7, 1963 from [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Boston, Massachusetts.

The following investigation was conducted by
Clerk [REDACTED]

On October 7, 1963, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Boston, Massachusetts,
advised they were unable to locate any record identifiable
with [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised they were
unable to locate any record identifiable with [REDACTED]

2-New York (Encs. 10) 10/21/63
1-Boston
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Approved: [Signature] 10/8/63
Special Agent in Charge

Sent [REDACTED]

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On October 7, 1963, a review of the Boston ^{records of the} ~~Division~~
indices of the FBI failed to reflect any information
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10/9/63

AIRTEL

TO: SAC, BOSTON (58-271)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

**SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY E.
GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY**

Rerep of SA [REDACTED] dated 10/1/63, at
Boston.

On 10/1/63, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED], was interviewed and furnished the following
information;

[REDACTED]

2- Boston
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1- Supervisor #22

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For the further information of the Boston Division, on 10/1/63, AUSA GERALD WALPIN, SDNY, advised that he was telephonically contacted on that date by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] advised him that [REDACTED] had told [REDACTED] that he had been interviewed by the FBI. AUSA WALPIN stated that [REDACTED] told him he would be in NYC to see AUSA WALPIN on 10/7/63 or 10/8/63, to furnish information in this matter. As of 10/9/63, [REDACTED] has not recontacted AUSA, SDNY.

AUSA WALPIN has requested that the Boston Division reinterview [REDACTED] regarding the information furnished by [REDACTED] and for information concerning [REDACTED] apparent contact with [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] interview by Bureau Agents.

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The Bureau has instructed that all leads in this matter are to be covered in five days and that all persons interviewed are to be informed that the investigation is at the request of the USA.

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FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (58-98) P.
SUBJECT MORTON ROBSON
Former AUSA
SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY
OO: NEW YORK

Re New York airtel to Boston dated 10/2/63.

Results of investigation at Peoria, Illinois
enclosed. Person furnishing information [REDACTED] b7cPersons interviewed were informed investigation
was at the request of the USA for the Southern District of
New York.

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2 - Springfield (58-98)
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Date: 10/9/63

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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
FROM : SAC, CHICAGO (58-466)(RUC)
SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER AUSA,
SDNY; ROY COHN; MURRAY E.
GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

Re New York airtel to Boston dated 10/2/63.

Attached herewith are 9 copies of FD-302
reflecting investigation by the Chicago Office.Person supplying the information set out in
attached FD-302 was [REDACTED]In view of the fact that [REDACTED]
set out on the FD-302 was [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] or indice check will be conducted.

2 - New York (Enc. 9)
1 - Chicago

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Ex-Justice Peck to Defend Roy Cohn?

By Milton Lewis
Of The Herald Tribune Staff

Is David W. Peck, former Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division, going to represent Roy M. Cohn on charges of perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice?

"It's highly unlikely," Mr. Cohn said late yesterday after a reporter spoke to Mr. Peck.

"I can't answer the question," said Mr. Peck.

"Does that mean that you and Mr. Cohn are negotiating?"

"I've got nothing to say on the subject."

"Judge, do you deny that you will represent Roy Cohn?"

Mr. Peck, known for his forthright answers, said:

"I can't give you any other answer. I can't say any other thing to any other question on the subject."

~~Mr. Peck~~, partner in the

law firm of Sullivan & Cromwell, was Presiding Justice of the Appellate Division's 1st Department (Manhattan and the Bronx) for 10 years until he left the bench at the end of 1957. Mr. Cohn's late father, Albert, was an associate justice on that same bench under Mr. Peck.

Before Mr. Cohn could be reached yesterday, the question was put to Thomas Bolan, one of his associates in the law firm of Saxe, Bacon & O'Shea. Mr. Bolan said:

"I have no comment on that."

At 5:10 p. m. Mr. Cohn called the New York Herald Tribune from a phone in his car. He said:

"Judge Peck is a very good friend of mine, but I wouldn't necessarily think this (case) would be in the field. I haven't gotten to the point as to

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David W. Peck

who's going to do what. We haven't made a selection yet. I've been so busy with my own clients I'd be more than happy to have Judge Peck re-

present me in anything. In this particular case I'd say it's highly unlikely."

Mr. Cohn, 36, became an international controversial figure as chief counsel to the McCarthy Senate Investigating Committee. He was indicted on charges of committing perjury before a grand jury and with conspiring to obstruct justice in a stock swindle involving the United Dye and Chemical Corp. Mr. Cohn allegedly tried to prevent the indictment of four suspects in the stock fraud. The four later were indicted and pleaded guilty.

As for Mr. Cohn, he has insisted on his innocence and lays his Federal Court troubles to "politics." No trial date has been set. He is free in his own custody. Indicted with him was another lawyer, Murray E. Lottman, who also has pleaded innocent.

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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, NEW HAVEN (58-109)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
Formerly AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

USA ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU, SDNY, advised that he has received a letter from one [REDACTED]. This letter from [REDACTED] infers that [REDACTED] possesses information concerning ROY COHN which he will make available to USA MORGENTHAU but only on a personal basis. [REDACTED] b7c

USA MORGENTHAU has requested that the [REDACTED] be reviewed in order to obtain background information concerning [REDACTED]

The New Haven Division is requested to review [REDACTED], regarding [REDACTED]

The Bureau has instructed that all leads in this matter are to be covered in five days and all person interviewed are to be informed that investigation is at the request of the USA.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

DATE: 10-11-63

FROM *SB* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (58-98)

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SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
Former AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

Reurairtel to Bureau dated 10-2-63.

Enclosed for the New York Office are ten copies in insert form showing results of investigation at Galesburg, Illinois, by the Springfield Division.

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Question of Harassment

By WM. F. BUCKLEY Jr.

THE SUMMER before he died, George Sokolsky telephoned to Roy Cohn and his associate, Thomas Bolan, summoning them instantly to his summer place in Otis, Mass. Mr. Sokolsky was an imperious man, but he was not given to calling two very busy men to travel 150 miles out of the metropolitan bustle in which they thrive merely because he felt the need for a command performance. And so they set out, Cohn, at 35, weather-beaten with notoriety, wealth, corporate and personal intrigue; Bolan, 38, also a lawyer, tough, idealistic, a successful sports promoter (Patterson-Ingo, Patterson-Liston), a devoted anti-Communist conservative. They went to hear what the aging autocrat had to say. Their knowledge of him, and his ways, went back many years. It was Sokolsky who had recommended Cohn to Sen. McCarthy as his assistant; and it was while both young men were working for McCarthy that Roy Cohn and Robert Kennedy developed a passionate mutual antipathy.

WHAT SOKOLSKY had to say was this: That the day before he had learned, on undeniable authority, that Robert Kennedy, our Attorney General, had been overheard to vow that there were two personal ambitions he hoped to fulfill before leaving office, namely, to put Jimmy Hoffa and Roy Cohn behind bars. Hoffa, as we know, has spent most of his time in recent months in court; and now, one year later, Cohn has been indicted.

THIS COLUMN is not about who does and who doesn't belong in jail, Hoffa, Cohn or Kennedy. Let us assume they all belong out of jail, at least until a jury of their peers is otherwise convinced, or until our laws become less lax. It is, rather, a reflection, on a matter of more general concern,

of the awesome power of the forces that tend to develop in a society in which great power accumulates in individual officeholders. Cohn, after all, has not yet been tried, and it is proper to speak of him as innocent. I happen to believe, on the basis of the considerable evidence I have examined, that a jury will in due course confirm his innocence. The point here is that there seems to be little doubt that he has been subjected to a very special kind of harassment that almost surely resulted from an inordinate appetite on the part of very powerful men for his controversial scalp.

COHN has itemized 11 instances of the kind of thing he has had to put up with. In its anxiety to get him the U.S. Attorney's office in New York, which three weeks ago persuaded a grand jury to indict him for conspiracy to obstruct justice and perjury in connection thereto, allegedly (a) patronized professional bounty hunters; (b) offered felons forgiveness if they would give evidence—presumably whether true or false—against Cohn; (c) offered to go easy on defendants if they would "co-operate" against him; (d) leaked notices to the press implicating Cohn with multifarious venalities; and (e) constipated his professional life by subpoenaing his working records over a great stretch of time—even to the point of exquisite irony!—"As a part of the program of harassment," Cohn elucidates, "the Internal Revenue Service was ordered in to join the chase. However, since my records had been seized by Mr. Morgenthau (the U.S. Attorney in New York who is in charge of Cohn's prosecution, and the proximate agent of his alleged persecution), I could not supply them. The confusion that developed from these rival attempts to get something on me resulted in the Internal Revenue actually serving a subpoena

on June 12, 1963 on Mr. Morgenthau's office to get my records."

FORMER Judge Robert Morris, who is president of an organization known as The Defenders of American Liberties—a sort of conservative-oriented American Civil Liberties Union—has written to Mr. Morgenthau to suggest that Mr. Cohn's charges against the Justice Department be seriously considered. The public confidence in the processes of justice cannot, Mr. Morris points out, stand the leveling of such charges as Cohn's without an impressive rebuttal to them, and a subsequent adjudication. But Mr. Morgenthau apparently does not believe in answering enquiries concerning his conduct of the Cohn case. He has thus far treated Mr. Morris the same way he treated Cohn's persistent efforts over the preceding months to get Morgenthau to explain himself, and the extraordinary efforts of his juniors to wrest an indictment out of the testimony of confessed felons—with silence.

BUT MR. MORRIS'S suggestion for an investigation of the behavior of the Justice Department did not fall everywhere on ears as deaf as Mr. Morgenthau's. Sen. Eastland, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, is quietly considering them, with the view to activating a subcommittee to make a formal investigation. And if that happens, God help us, there we'll be again, with 45 consecutive days of TV, a Senate investigating committee, Roy Cohn, Bobby Kennedy, and the Executive Branch—a sobering prospect. But one we should nevertheless be prepared to put up with, if only to serve notice down in Washington that it is not yet a crime, under the Penal Code, merely to displease a member of America's royal family. If you don't hear from me next week, come and get me!

Buffalo, NY "Courier Express"
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ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY
OO: NEW YORK

RE: New York airtel 10/16/63.

The following investigation was conducted [REDACTED], by
SA [REDACTED]

On 10/18/63, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] made available the file
of the institution regarding [REDACTED], which contained
the following information:

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TO: SAC, MIAMI (58-279)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
SUBJECT: MORTON ROBBSON,
Former AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; COJ; PERJURY

COHN 10/21/63
AUSA, SDNY, advised that he received information to the effect that [REDACTED] is allegedly a relative of ROY COHN. USA advised that [REDACTED] is in the [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

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AUSA, SDNY, requested that all available background information regarding [REDACTED] be obtained.

The Miami Division is requested to conduct discreet background inquiries regarding [REDACTED] as requested by the USA.

The Bureau has instructed that all leads in this matter be covered in 5 days and all persons interviewed are to be informed that investigation is at the request of the USA.

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (58-495)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

**SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER
AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY**

The October 12, 1963, issue of "Parade", a nationally syndicated Sunday magazine supplement, contained a statement in the Question and Answer Column of WALTER SCOTT to the effect that ROY COHN had never represented any LV interest.

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USA, SDNY, advised that ROY COHN testified before the PGJ, SDNY, that [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] USA requested that [REDACTED] be interviewed to determine his source for COHN's statement.

On 10/23/63, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] advised that [REDACTED] is a fictitious name and the above referred to article was actually received from "Parade's" [REDACTED]

The LA Division is requested to interview [REDACTED] to determine his source for the above COHN statement.

The Bureau has instructed that all leads in this matter are to be covered in five days and that all persons interviewed are to be informed that the investigation is at the request of the USA.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

DATE: 9/16/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (#221) b7C

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN
BRIBERY

USA ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU, SDNY, advised that
ROY COHN ~~in his testimony before the PCJ, SDNY,~~ advised
that [REDACTED]

b3 USA MORGENTHAU requested that details be obtained
regarding the above described matters to determine exactly
in what manner the [REDACTED]

The following are the matters that COHN stated
are in this category:

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

DATE: 9/19/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #23

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON
FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN
BRIBERY

RE: CHATHAM SECURITIES CORP.

The following investigation was performed by SA [REDACTED] on 9/18/63, at NY County Clerk's Office, Foley Square, NYC:

The records of the County Clerk, NY County, set forth a certificate of corporation for "Chatham Securities Corp." under NY County Clerk file #1959-6382.

This file set forth that a certificate of incorporation was filed with the Secretary of State of the State of NY under symbol 17987 on the first of May, 1959.

The articles of incorporation set forth the purposes as:

To acquire, by purchase or otherwise, hold, sell or otherwise dispose of, pledge, ..., stocks, bonds, notes, ... and choses in action generally.

The total number of shares which might be issued was based on 200, all of which are to be of one class and without par value.

The capital was to be at least equal to the sum of the aggregate par value of all issued shares having par value plus the amount received for the issuance of any par value shares.

The office of the corporation was to be in NYC at 554 Fifth Ave.

The directors and subscribers to stock were listed as follows:

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MAX J. WEIZENBLUT
23 Crossway
Scarsdale, NY

HAROLD W. ROSENBERG
46 Hampton Rd.
Scarsdale, NY

RUTH ROSENBERG
46 Hampton Rd.
Scarsdale, NY

The application for certification was notarized by
HAROLD BLASS, Westchester County on 4/28/59.

The attorney who filed the certificate of incorporation
was listed as HAROLD M. MILLER, 175 Main St., White Plains, NY.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

DATE: 9/19/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #23

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON
FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN
BRIBERY

RE: Estate of Dr. SAMUEL CHASE MILLER

The following investigation was performed by SA [REDACTED] on 9/18/63, at Surrogate's Court, NY County, 31 Chambers St., NYC.

No record could be found in the records of the Surrogate's Court which referred to ROY COHN as being an attorney or Special Guardian in any proceedings under the above name.

The following files were checked with no record of COHN appearing as attorney:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Decedent</u>	<u>File Number</u>
1953	SAMUEL C. MILLER	Probate #818 Liber 2023 Page 311
1952	SAM MILLER	Probate #1613 Liber 2025 Page 497
1957	SAM or SAMUEL MILLER	Adm. #1642 Liber 459 Page 193

By telephone [REDACTED], 750 3rd Ave., NYC, advised SA [REDACTED] that there was no listing for Dr. SAMUEL CHASE MILLER in the directory of that society which includes numbers and other physicians in the State of NY for the years 1951 through 1961.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

DATE: 9/19/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #23

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON
FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN
BRIBERY

RE: Estate of LEOPOLD SPINGARN

The following investigation was performed by SA [REDACTED] on 9/18/63, at the Surrogate's Court, NY County, 31 Chambers St., NYC.

The will of LEOPOLD SPINGARN was probated in 1951 under file #2075, Liber 1974, page 603. The records of this case set forth that ROY COHN was appointed by the court as Special Guardian for a minor child.

In a Affidavit for Services filed by COHN on 2/14/57, he requested that his compensation be fixed at \$12,500. At an unknown date, compensation was fixed by the Surrogate at \$10,000. No further information concerning the date and or manner of payment was available in the file.

The Trustees and Executors at the time of probation were HOWARD SPINGARN, 41 Tee Oaks, Roslyn and NOAH SPINGARN, 356 West 34th St., NYC.

The Attorney for the Trustee was LAWRENCE I. GERBER, 521 Fifth Ave., NYC.

Hanover Trust Co. subsequently became trustee for the estate.

Telephonic contact was made with [REDACTED] office at which time SA [REDACTED] was advised that [REDACTED] would not be in town until Monday, 9/23/63.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

DATE: 9/19/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #23

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SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON
FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN
BRIBERY

RE: Estate of SOPHIE L. GOODHART

The following investigation was performed by SA [REDACTED] on 9/18/63, at Surrogate's Court, NY County, 31 Chambers St., NYC.

The will of SOPHIE L. GOODHART was probated in 1952 under file #2213, Liber 2000, page 591.

The records of this case set forth that ROY M. COHN was appointed Special Guardian for WENDY NATHAN, PETER NATHAN and CHRISTOPHER DONNER III. On 2/23/55, COHN filed an Affidavit for Services in which he requested that his compensation be fixed at \$400.

On 3/2/55, it was so ordered by the Surrogate. No further information concerning the date and or manner of payment was available.

On 3/2/55, [REDACTED] St., both NYC, requested permission of the court to pay COHN.

Banker's Trust Co. on a subsequent date became trustee for the estate.

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Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

DATE: 9/19/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED] (#23) b7c

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHEN
BRIBERY

Rememo of SA [REDACTED] dated 9/16/63.

A review of the records of clerk at Court's Office, Civil Division, SDNY, on 9/18/63, by SA [REDACTED] showed that under Civil #148-342, filed 7/24/59, that ARTHUR S. ROSS, Administrator of the Goods and Chattels, Rights and Credits of CHARLES RAE ROSS (deceased), filed a suit for \$200,000 damages against Capital Airlines, Inc., 565 5th Ave., NYC and Vickers Armstrong Limited and Vickers Armstrong, Inc., 10 Rockefeller Plaza, NY. Plaintiff was represented by Attorney ROY M. COHEN, 20 Exchange Place, NYC, NY. Summons was issued 7/21/59. Records show only that ARTHUR S. ROSS is a resident of the county of NY, State of NY and is a citizen. b7c

Records show this action was a result of an airplane crash on 4/6/58, near Freeland, Michigan. Capital Airlines, Flight #67, which had US registry #N7437 was on a flight originating at Willow Run Airport, Detroit and CHARLES RAE ROSS, a passenger in this flight died in the crash. At the time of death ROSS was employed as a salesman, employed by Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. and the sole support of his mother DOROTHY C. ROSS.

Answers were filed to this suit by Capital Airlines through their Attorney KEITH R. THOMPSON of the firm Mendes and Mount, 27 William Street, NYC, NY, on 7/13/59. Answers to this suit were filed by Vickers Armstrong Limited by their Attorney WILLIAM J. JUNKERMAN of the firm of Haight, Garder, Poor and Haven, 20 Broad Street, NYC on 8/12/59. A compromise settlement was reached and a stipulation was signed by all parties on October 14, 1959, at which time ROY M. COHEN signed for the defendant.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC NEW YORK (58-1232)

DATE: 9/24/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: MOTON ROBESON

The following persons were contacted on 9/20/63, and advised that their records failed to reflect any information which would indicate that ROY COHEN was a guest at their respective clubs:

[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
ATTN: BABYLON RA

DATE: 10/14/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #221

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SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, Former AUSA, SDNY
ROY COHN
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

Principals in this matter spent 2 weeks of 9/62 at the
[REDACTED] USA, SDNY requested
[REDACTED] Chicago Division furnished
following [REDACTED]

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AIRMAIL

TO: SAC, Tampa

FROM: SAC, Miami (58-279)(P)

**RE: MORTON ROSSON,
FORMER ASIA, SENY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY
E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; GOJ; PERJURY**

Enclosed are two copies of an airtel dated 10/21/63, received from the New York Office requesting the Miami Division to conduct discreet background inquiries re [REDACTED] He is reportedly residing in Miami and operates, according to the USA, New York, [REDACTED] and supposedly [REDACTED]

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For information of Tampa, also enclosed is copy of initial teletype received from New York dated 6/14/62, setting forth the allegation.

UACB. New York - Tampa should also make discreet inquiries re [REDACTED] in the Orlando area since Orlando is covered by the Tampa Office.

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- 2 - Miami

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC NEW HAVEN (58-109)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)(P)
SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, Former AUSA, SDNY
ROY COHN
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOB; PERJURY
(OO: NY)

Re NY airtel, 10/28/63.

Enclosed herewith is the letter received by USA, SDNY
from [REDACTED] which was inadvertently not enclosed with re
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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER
AUSA, SDNY; ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; COJ; PERJURY
ReNHairtel, 10/21/63.

Enclosed herewith for the New Haven Division
is a letter from [REDACTED] to USA ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU, SDNY C-D
which he received on 10/14/63. b7

The results of the background check of [REDACTED]
set forth in referenced airtel was disseminated to USA MORGENTHAU.
He requested that [REDACTED] be contacted by the New Haven
Division and an attempt be made by New Haven to obtain any
information which [REDACTED] may possess regarding ROY COHN.

The Bureau has instructed that all leads in this
matter are to be covered in five days and that all persons
interviewed are to be informed that the investigation is at
the request of the US Attorney.

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THE FOLLOWING FD-302's TURNED OVER TO USA MORGENTHAU
BY SA [REDACTED] 11/19/63.

957. re: [REDACTED] 9/16/63.
958 re: [REDACTED] 9/26/63.
959 re: [REDACTED] 9/26/63
960 re: [REDACTED] 9/26/63.
961 re: [REDACTED] 10/7/63.
962 re: records of [REDACTED]
963 re: [REDACTED] 10/22.
964 re: records of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] 10/29.
965 re: [REDACTED] 10/29.
966 re: [REDACTED] 10/29/63.
967. re: rec's of [REDACTED]
N.J. 10/30/63
990 re: rec's of [REDACTED]
Dept. 11/19/63.
996. re: rec's of [REDACTED]
11/12/63. [REDACTED]

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997 - MC's of [REDACTED] 11/12.
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TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

FROM : SAC, NEW HAVEN (58-109) (RUC)

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER
AUSA, SDNY; ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

OO: NEW YORK

Re New York airtels, 10/28/63.

Enclosed are three copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth the results of interview of [REDACTED] on 10/30/63. This interview was conducted by SA [REDACTED] b7c

The information furnished by [REDACTED] is set forth in letterhead memorandum for the assistance of the New York Office.

On 10/30/63, [REDACTED] b7c advised SA [REDACTED] that he has been supervising [REDACTED] for parole purposes and he said that based on the background and other data available, it does not appear that [REDACTED] request for parole will be honorably favored when it is heard [REDACTED] as a "con-man" who has some very unusual ideas about his own importance and whom [REDACTED] considers a manipulator.

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1- New Haven

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1 copy to [REDACTED]
1 copy to [REDACTED]

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Approved: C. E. [REDACTED]
Special Agent in Charge

Sent #241 M Per [REDACTED] b7c

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b7c The New Haven Office is not in a position to comment on the plausibility or authenticity of the information made available by [REDACTED] except as indicated.

In the event the New York Office desires further contact with [REDACTED] at the request of MORGENTHAU, same should be requested.

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Date: 11/4/63

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (58-5100)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

MORTON ROBSON, FORMER MUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN.
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURYUSA, SDNY ADVISED FOLLOWING MOTIONS FILED THIS
DATE AT USDC, SDNY ON BEHALF OF ROY COHN:

ONE. MOTION TO DISMISS INDICTMENT.

TWO. MOTION TO DISMISS COUNTS FOUR AND SEVEN OF
THE INDICTMENT.

THREE. MOTION TO STRIKE INTRODUCTION TO INDICTMENT.

FOUR. MOTION FOR BILL OF PARTICULARS.

USA ADVISED FOLLOWING MOTIONS FILED THIS DATE ON
BEHALF OF MURRAY GOTTESMAN:ONE. MOTION TO DISMISS COUNTS NINE AND TEN OF
INDICTMENT.

TWO. MOTION FOR BILL OF PARTICULARS.

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1-Supervisor # 22

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FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BUREAU, PENDING NEW YORK REPORT NOW IN DICTATION. NYO WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW THIS MATTER CLOSELY AND KEEP BUREAU ADVISED OF ALL PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____
Special Agent in Charge

Roy Cohn Charges Grand Jury With Operating in a Fish Bowl

By Milton Lewis
Of The Herald Tribune Staff

The Federal grand jury that indicted Roy M. Cohn operated not privately, but in a fish bowl, he charged yesterday.

As far back as March, 1961, he contended in demanding that the perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice indictment against him be dismissed, one of Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy's aids told a press representative.

"Don't kid yourself—we'll get Roy Cohn sooner or later."

Mr. Cohn, chief counsel to the McCaughy Senate Investigating Committee in 1953, was accused two months ago with another lawyer, Murray E. Gottesman, of conspiring to prevent the indictment in 1955 of four persons involved in the manipulation of United Dye & Chemical Corp. stock.

The four subsequently were indicted and pleaded guilty. Three of them testified before the grand jury that indicted Mr. Cohn, 36, and Mr. Gottesman, 35. Both Mr. Cohn and Mr. Gottesman

also testified before the same grand jury and in doing so, according to the indictment against them, they committed perjury.

In a listful of papers filed yesterday with Federal Judge Archie C. Dawson, Mr. Cohn, through his law associate, Thomas A. Bolan, maintained that the government violated the canons of professional ethics in that it unleashed an unparalleled campaign of inquiry by press. He also alleged considerable "news leaks" and asked that the court cite for contempt "the persons responsible."

Mr. Bolan charged that publicizing the "leaks" constituted a contempt, but he took the view that government aids made it possible, noting:

"The conduct of the government representatives is then, far more deserving of censure than that of the newspapers. Indeed, the acts of the newspapers might perhaps be forgiven; they had the excuse that they merely printed what they learned from high government off-

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state. For the officials, however, there can be no excuse."

And Mr. Dolan contended it was "established" that Walter Sheridan, an investigator on Attorney General Kennedy's staff, "gave substance to accusation by repeating and thereby publishing defamatory statements long before a grand jury could determine their inapplicability to defendant Cohn."

And it was to Mr. Sheridan that the motion papers attributed the remark:

"Don't kid yourself—we'll get Roy Cohn sooner or later."

Judge Dawson, who has been assigned to hear all motions in the case—as well as the trial itself—was also advised:

"We seek by this motion to vindicate the proper administration of justice and to restore to defendant Cohn a right of which he was needlessly deprived, the right to a secret hearing in untainted air."

U. S. Attorney Robert Morgenthau has two weeks in which to file rebuttal papers.

ROBERT ROSSON AND JURY DATA

...to Edward J. ...
 ...to Thomas ...
 ...by EDWARD KANZAI ...
 ...of ... charged ...
 ...a special assistant ...
 ...General Robert ...
 ...and a lawyer ...
 ...Securities and Exchange ...
 ...last looked ...
 ...to news media ...
 ...the ... and a Federal ...
 ...investigating him.

Mr. Cohn made the contention ...
 ...of a motion presented ...
 ...Federal Judge Archie O. ...
 ...Dawson to dismiss an indict-
 ...ment charging him with per-
 ...jury and conspiracy to obstruct ...
 ...justice. The defendant, had ...
 ...served as chief counsel to the ...
 ...Senate investigating subcom-
 ...mittee when it was headed by ...
 ...the late Senator Joseph R. ...

He asked that the two Gov-
 ...ernment officials be held in con-
 ...tempt of court for violating ...
 ...jury secrecy, even if his ...
 ...motion should be denied. The ...
 ...officials he named were Walter ...
 ...Sheridan, special assistant to ...
 ...the Attorney General, and ...
 ...Edward J. ... counsel for the ...

A similar motion was made ...
 ...before Judge Dawson last year ...
 ...by J. Truman ...
 ...acquitted of income ...
 ...tax evasion charges by a jury ...
 ...Dawson was chairman ...

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 Editor: TURNER CATLEDX
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The New York Times
ASKS DISMISSAL: Roy M. Cohn, who moved in Federal Court for quashing of an indictment against him.

board of governors of the New York Stock Exchange. He complained that before he was indicted some newspapers printed stories about a grand jury investigation of him. He accused Government officials of inspiring the stories. However, he was unable to name any officials.

Judge Dawson dismissed Mr. Bidwell's motion because he was unable to particularize. However, the judge criticized Government officials who breached grand jury secrecy.

Mr. Cohn was indicted Sept. 4 with Murray E. Gottesman, also a lawyer, on charges of complicity to prevent the indictment of four men in a stock fraud case involving the United Dye & Chemical Corporation.

Judge Dawson was selected

by Chief Judge Sylvester Ryan to handle all aspects of the case. Mr. Cohn filed a series of motions yesterday. The Government has two weeks to reply. Judge Dawson will probably not hear argument, but will decide the issues presented in the papers filed. The case is not expected to go to trial before the early spring.

The motions were presented by Thomas A. Brian, Mr. Cohn's associate in the law firm of Saxe Bacon & O'Shea. Mr. Cohn was said to be still seeking outside counsel to represent him.

In March, 1961, Mr. Cohn said Mr. Sheridan told three members of the staff of The New York Journal-American that Mr. Cohn had given the late Senator George H. Bender, Republican of Ohio, a \$100,000 bribe to quash the United Dye case. Mr. Cohn noted that his name was not mentioned during the United Dye trial in connection with testimony about the bribe.

On March 23, 1961, Mr. Cohn said, Mr. Sheridan told the three newspapermen: "Don't kid

One of these reports was in the newspaper in July, 1961, to join the news department of the National Broadcasting Company. Thereafter, the reporter was allegedly informed of progress in the investigation of Mr. Cohn by former Assistant United States Attorney Irving Younger, who was assigned to make a case on Cohn's Sheridan among other superior.

Mr. Cohn also charged that Government officials leaked information to Drew Pearson, a columnist, and to The Washington Post and other newspapers across the country. He accused Government officials of encouraging persons involved in the United Dye case to talk frankly with reporters from Life magazine. He said "prejudicial information was given by the Justice Department to The Washington Street Journal."

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (58-495)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, Former
AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

Re LA airtel to NY, 10/29/63.

The Los Angeles Division is requested to incorporate the information furnished in re airtel in an FD-302 since this information may become testimony at the forthcoming trial in this matter.

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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

**SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER
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ROY COHN;
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BRIBERY; OOJ; ~~PURGERY~~
PERJURY**

Re Boston airtel to NY, 10/8/63.

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Enclosed herewith for the Boston Division is the original of an FD-302 dated 10/8/63, a Boston reflecting investigation at [REDACTED]. The original was received by the NYO as an enclosure to re airtel.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER
AUSA, SDNY; ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

Re New Haven airtel to NY, 11/2/63.

A copy of the letterhead memorandum enclosed in referenced airtel was disseminated to USA, SDNY. USA requested that the New Haven Division recontact [redacted] to attempt to obtain his permission to obtain the letters he received from COHN. USA stated that it should be pointed out to [redacted] that the obtaining of the letters and the information contained therein will be handled on a strictly confidential basis.

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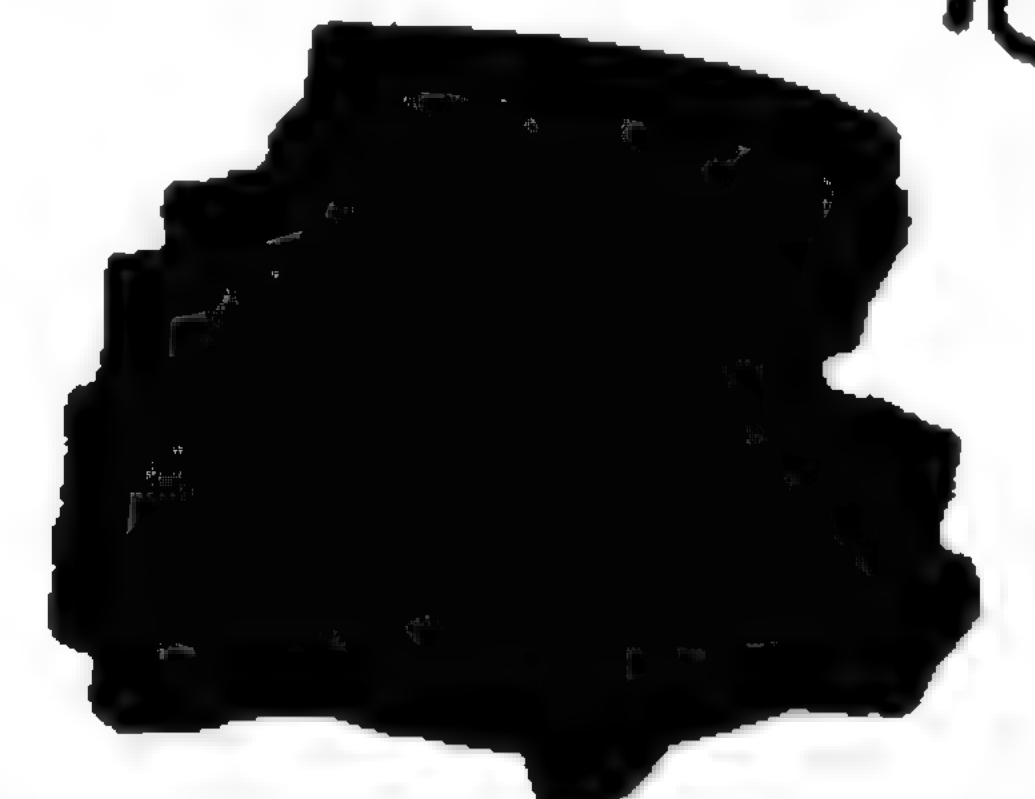
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TO : SAC, CHICAGO (58-466)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER
AUSA, SDNY; ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

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USA, SDNY advised that he received information to the effect that [redacted] was a subscriber to a publication of [redacted] Chicago, [redacted]

USA requested that background information regarding the above corporation be obtained. He also requested investigation be conducted at the above corporation to determine when [redacted] became a subscriber, the price of the subscription, [redacted] mailing address and any other background information available there regarding [redacted]

The Bureau has advised that all leads in this matter are to be covered in five days and all persons interviewed are to be informed that this investigation is at the request of the USA.

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FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER
AUSA, SDNY; ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

USA, SDNY advised that he received information to the effect that [redacted] reportedly [redacted] Los Angeles, California.

The Los Angeles Division is requested to determine at the [redacted] if [redacted] there and if so to obtain any pertinent data therein.

The Bureau has advised that all persons interviewed in this investigation are to be informed that the investigation is at the request of the USA. All leads are to be covered in five days.

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Roy Cohn Quits Board Of Lionel

Roy M. Cohn, former chairman and president of Lionel Corp., has resigned as a director.

Mr. Cohn was succeeded on the board by Samuel J. Holtzman, vice president of Botany Industries.

Control of the company was sold to A. M. Sonnabend a month ago, and Mr. Cohn said: "I tendered my resignation when we sold control to Mr. Sonnabend, but he asked me to stay on for a while."

Mr. Cohn gained control of Lionel in 1959. He sold his interest last March to Defiance Industries, headed by Victor Muscat. Last month the Defiance group sold to Premier Corp. of America 55 per cent owned by Mr. Sonnabend.

The fiery lawyer first emerged on the public scene as chief counsel to the McCarthy Senate Investigating Committee during the McCarthy-Army hearings.

He is at present under Federal indictment on charges of perjury and tampering with witnesses in connection with the United Dye stock fraud case.

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SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER
AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

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AUSA DONALD J. COHN, SDNY, advised that
[REDACTED] related that he, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AUSA COHN has requested that the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] be checked
and the identity and frequency of visits by the above
individuals be ascertained.

The Bureau has advised that all persons interviewed
in this investigation are to be informed that the investiga-
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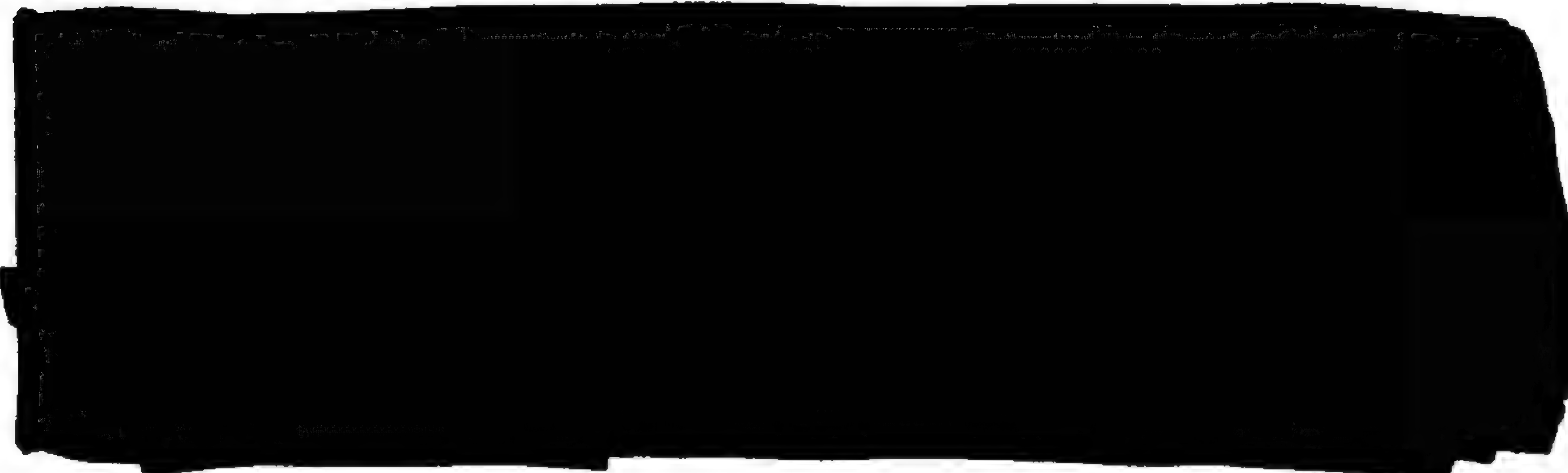
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TO : SAC, MIAMI (58-279)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY
E. JOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

The NYO is attempting to ascertain whereabouts
and activities of COHN for period 8/19-22/59, at request
of USA, SDNY.



USA, SDNY, has requested that records of the
[redacted] at Miami airport be reviewed for travel
of COHN during the above period. USA also requested that
[redacted] be interviewed to determine if he has records showing

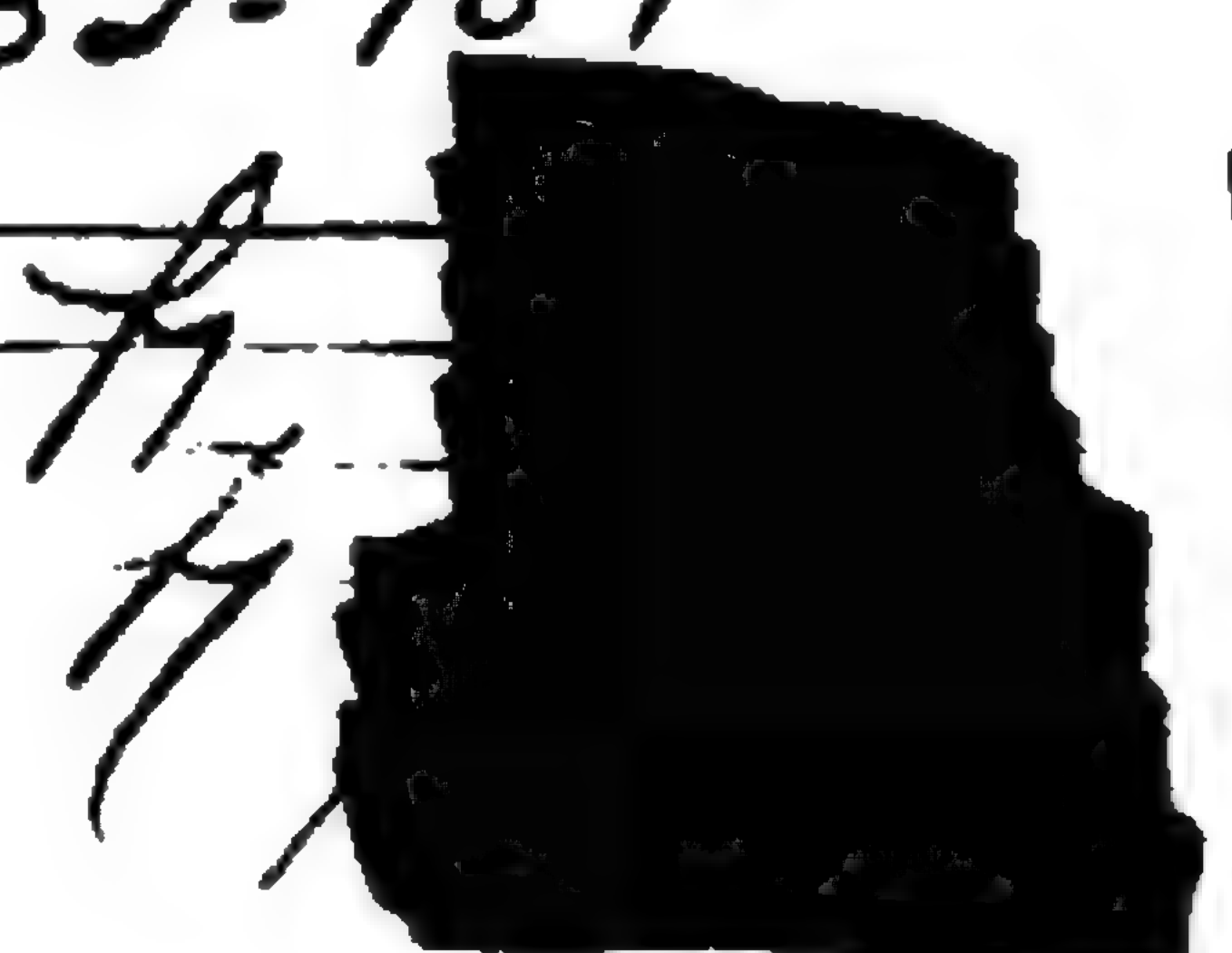
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USA further requested that the records of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] be reviewed for any pertinent information regarding
COHN during the above period.

The Bureau has advised that all leads in this
matter are to be covered in five days and all persons
interviewed are to be informed that this investigation
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ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; O.O.J.; PERJURY
OO: NEW YORK

RE: New York airtel 11/8/63.

On 11/15/63, [REDACTED] was recontacted at [REDACTED], by SA [REDACTED]. He was asked to provide further information concerning the letters and their specific location. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

involving the letters of ROY COHN, as previously described, with a view of obtaining [REDACTED] opinion on the matter and advice from [REDACTED] as to whether [REDACTED] could in any way become implicated and thereby subject to further prosecution.

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NEW HAVEN:

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With, prior to 11/29/63, recontact [REDACTED]
in regard to the location of the COHN letters, as previously
described.

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U.S. DENIES LEAKS IN ROY COHN CASE

Answer Opposes Dismissal of Federal Indictment

By EDWARD RANZAL

The Government denied yesterday that any official had leaked information to news media concerning the activities of the Federal grand jury that indicted Roy M. Cohn on charges of perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

Mr. Cohn, former chief counsel to the Senate Investigating Committee under the late Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, has asked that the indictment be dismissed because Government officials, "inflamed the indicting grand jury" by leaking information concerning the hearings it was conducting.

He named three officials, two of whom still work for the Government, as the persons responsible for the news leaks.

The Government filed its answer yesterday with Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson in opposing dismissal of the indictment. It called Mr. Cohn's accusations "baseless" and categorically denied that the three officials had leaked information.

Sees Charge Repeated

Gerald Walpin, assistant United States attorney, said in the papers that "this is, in substance, the same baseless accusation made by Cohn, without specification, in his release to the press shortly after the indictment was voted."

Mr. Walpin contended that the "accusation is devoid of the slightest merit." He added that an inquiry showed that no Government official leaked any information and that no medium of the press published information during the period the indicting grand jury was in existence concerning its activities.

"It is readily apparent," Mr. Walpin continued, "that Cohn's accusation regarding so-called leaks is merely one facet of his broader accusation that this indictment was obtained because of a personal feud between the Attorney General and Cohn and the United States Attorney and Cohn. This charge is completely unfounded."

Attached to the papers were three affidavits by the officials named by Mr. Cohn and a fourth by Chief Assistant United States Attorney Vincent Broderick, which said that Mr. Cohn had told him that there was no basis for the story that Mr. Cohn had a feud with Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy or United States Attorney Robert M. Morgenthau.

The three officials "categorically" denied that they had ever furnished information to any representative of the press. They were Walter J. Sheridan, special assistant to the Attorney Gen-

eral; Edward C. Jaegerman, attorney for the Securities and Exchange Commission, and Irving Younger, former assistant United States attorney.

"There is absolutely no basis even to suggest that this indictment was filed for any reason but that the grand jury sincerely believed the evidence warranted the indictment," Mr. Walpin asserted.

Judge Dawson will decide the motion on the basis of the papers submitted by both sides. Mr. Cohn has asked that if the case goes to trial that it be tried in March. The Government has asked for a February trial.

The indictment grew out of a grand jury investigation of illegal activities in connection with the United Dye and Chemical Corporation stock fraud case. Mr. Cohn and a co-defendant, Murray E. Gottesman, also a lawyer, are accused of attempting to block the indictment of four men involved in the United Dye case.

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1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 277, 1996, 1033-1037.

Justice Department Denies Cohn's Charges Of Grand Jury 'Leaks'

By a WALL STREET JOURNAL Staff Reporter

NEW YORK—The Justice Department denied "categorically" that "any Government official" informed news reporters about a Federal grand jury investigation that led to the indictment of Roy M. Cohn. It struck back at Mr. Cohn's repeated charges that there's an official vendetta against him by accusing him of using the press for "baseless and unwarranted character assassination."

Mr. Cohn was indicted last September on charges of perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice in an earlier Federal investigation of the \$5 million United Dye & Chemical Corp. stock fraud case. He pleaded innocent and quickly made statements to newsmen accusing U.S. Attorney Robert Morgenthau and, by implication, Attorney General Robert Kennedy, of carrying on a personal feud against him.

Two weeks ago, the 36-year-old lawyer-businessman filed motions in U.S. district court here for dismissal of the indictment. His grounds were allegations that Government officials had circulated "false rumors" about him and had "leaked" accounts of the grand jury proceedings to the press.

In a 27-page reply, accompanied by several affidavits and exhibits, Assistant U.S. Attorney Gerald Walpin asked Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson to refuse the motions for dismissal or for the elimination of some parts of the indictment. Mr. Walpin said, however, the Government had agreed to furnish much of a "bill of particulars" demanded by Mr. Cohn and his fellow defendant, Murray E. Gottesman. Mr. Gottesman, a lawyer, also pleaded innocent to the charges.

"The Government's strict compliance with the ethical standards required of attorneys, which require that neither the Government nor the defendant use the press for making or answering charges, has prevented the Government from answering the myriad baseless ac-

cusations the defendant issued and broadened himself," Mr. Walpin asserted.

The Government characterized Mr. Cohn's accusations as "belatedly conceived tactics . . . to obscure the real issues . . ." in the hope that "prospective jurors will be prejudiced against the Government before they hear any evidence. . . ."

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
ATTN: WHITE PLAINS RA

DATE: 11/22/63

FROM : SA [REDACTED] #221

SUBJECT: ROBERT JOHNSON, Former LUSA, SDNY
BOY COHN; MURRAY E. GOLDBERMAN
SPIRACY; COB; PERJURY

USA, SDNY has advised that [REDACTED]
convicted stock swindler and associate of COHN has advised
that COHN pays [REDACTED]

USA requested investigation to determine source of
money [REDACTED] gives [REDACTED]

Investigation at NYC reflects that [REDACTED] is a [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] who resides at [REDACTED]
with his wife [REDACTED] and family. He formerly resided
at [REDACTED]

The WHITE PLAINS RA is requested to check [REDACTED]

The Bureau has advised that all persons interviewed
in this investigation are to be informed that investigation
is at the request of the USA & all leads are to be covered in
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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (58-495)

RE: MORTON ROBSON, Former AUSA,
SDNY; ROY COHN; MURRAY E.
GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

OO: New York

Re your airtel to Los Angeles dated 11/18/63.

Contact with the [REDACTED]
on 11/21/63 determined that the [REDACTED] does not

New York is requested to recontact AUSA DONALD J. COHEN and ascertain pertinent dates that he would like records searched for possible [REDACTED].
[REDACTED] Furnish Los Angeles with pertinent dates.

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Also the Los Angeles Office would like to be furnished information as to what this information will accomplish and the reason that AUSA COHEN believes that [REDACTED] has something [REDACTED] It is pointed out that [REDACTED] was given a polygraph examination and there was no indication that he had furnished false information.

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TO : SAC, NEWARK (58-442)

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

**SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER AUSA,
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ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN;
BRIBERY;
OOJ;
PERJURY**

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USA, SDNY advised that [REDACTED]
has been furnishing information regarding an alleged
\$15,000.00 payoff to ROY COHN to fix a stock fraud investigation
by the SEC in 1960-61. [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]

The Newark Division is requested to review the
records of the [REDACTED] for the above names during the
above period to attempt to develop the period of [REDACTED] stay
at the [REDACTED] he may have made to COHN.

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matter are to be covered in 5 days and all persons interviewed
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FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

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MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY**

USA, SDNY advised that [REDACTED] a
convicted stock swindler and associate of ROY COHN has
advised that COHN [REDACTED]

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USA has requested investigation to determine
the source of the money [REDACTED] gives to [REDACTED]

Investigation at New York City reflects that
[REDACTED]

The Albany Division is requested to check this
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Court Denies Cohn Plea To Dismiss Indictment

"There is no basis upon which the court should dismiss the indictment. The motion is denied."

Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson so ruled yesterday against Roy M. Cohn, who had asked that the perjury and obstruction of justice true bill against him be dismissed.

His principal ground was that the government had "leaked" information to the press and that the grand jury that acted against him operated in a fish bowl as distinct from secrecy.

In his decision against Mr. Cohn, who became an international controversial figure while serving as chief counsel of the McCarthy Senate Investigating Committee a decade ago, Judge Dawson, who also will conduct the trial, wrote:

"The defendant has not established that the grand jury deliberations have been tainted by publicity, nor has the defendant established that the publicity was generated by the prosecuting officials of the government."

The court observed that Mr. Cohn's charges were "categorically denied" by the government and that an examination of the defendant's voluminous motion papers "shows no factual data justifying a conclusion that the

allegations made in the papers are true."

"Certainly," Judge Dawson wrote, "to dismiss an indictment on the charges made in the moving papers would require more than merely blatantly asserted accusations, innuendoes and suspicions. . .

"There has been no evidence that the grand jurors were influenced or coerced by the publicity about Mr. Cohn or that it affected them in any way."

No trial date has yet been set. Mr. Cohn and another lawyer, Murray E. Gottesman, were accused of complicity in an alleged attempt to keep four men from being indicted in a stock fraud involving the United Dye & Chemical Corp.

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COHN INDICTMENT UPHELD BY COURT

Dawson Finds No Evidence
News 'Leaks' Affected Jury

Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson refused yesterday to dismiss an indictment against Roy Cohn charging perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice. Judge Dawson held that Mr. Cohn had failed to establish any evidence that the indicting grand jury had been influenced or coerced by news leaks by Government officials while the panel was investigating the Cohn matter.

Mr. Cohn, who was chief counsel to the Senate Investigation Committee under the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy, had charged that Government officials had deliberately leaked information to news media to influence the grand jury.

The indictment grew out of an investigation of the United Dye & Chemical Corporation stock fraud case. Mr. Cohn and a co-defendant, Murray E. Gottesman, another lawyer, are accused of having attempted to block the indictment of four men in the case.

Memorandum Issued

In a memorandum denying Mr. Cohn's motion, Judge Dawson said:

"The defendant has not established that the grand jury deliberations have been tainted by publicity, nor has the defendant established that the publicity was generated by the prosecuting officials.

"Under the circumstances, there is no basis upon which the court should dismiss the indictment. The motion is denied."

Judge Dawson pointed out that Mr. Cohn's accusations had been "categorically denied" by the Government and that an examination of his papers showed "no factual data justifying a conclusion that the allegations made in the papers are true."

Judge Dawson said that to dismiss an indictment requires "more than merely blatantly asserted accusations, innuendoes and suspicions," and added:

"There has been no evidence the grand jurors were influenced or coerced by the publicity about Mr. Cohn, or that it affected them in any way."

The trial is expected to be held in March.

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U.S. JUDGE BACKS COHN INDICTMENT

Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson refused yesterday to dismiss an indictment against Roy M. Cohn, attorney and businessman, charged with complicity in efforts to prevent the indictment of four men in a stock fraud case. Judge Dawson held that proof was lacking that the prosecuting officials had generated publicity

harmful to Cohn, or that the grand jury deliberations had been influenced by such publicity, as Cohn charged.

"Certainly," the judge asserted, "to dismiss an indictment on the charges made in the moving papers would require more than merely blatantly asserted accusations, innuendos and suspicions."

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Re New York airtels to Los Angeles dated 11/6/63
and 11/8/63.

Enclosed herewith for the New York Office are
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Judge Alters Roy Cohn's Indictment

Eight paragraphs, and parts of two others, of the Government's 14-paragraph introduction to the indictment of Roy Cohn were ordered stricken today by Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson.

The court termed the voided paragraphs as "prejudicial as well as surplusage."

Mr. Cohn, an attorney and businessman, was indicted last Sept. 4 with Murray E. Gottesman, also an attorney, for complicity in efforts to prevent the indictment of four men in a stock fraud case involving the United Dye & Chemical Corp. Judge Dawson made specific reference to a part of the government's indictment introduction which alleged that Mr. Cohn "entered into a scheme" to arrange that certain persons would not be named defendants in any indictment that might be voted by a grand jury probing United Dye matters.

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"If the so-called 'scheme' constituted what the grand jury considered was a criminal offense, it should have been so charged in a count of the indictment," Judge Dawson said.

"To allege a 'scheme' with the other allegations in the introduction to which reference has been made, without charging that the defendants had any criminal responsibility in connection therewith, will only be confusing and prejudicial at the trial of the counts on which the defendants were indicted."

"It is quite customary in this court for an unmarked copy of an indictment to be sent into the jury room with a jury, so they know definitely what the charges are in reaching their verdict thereon. To send in the indictment in the form in which it now stands would be misleading and prejudicial."

'LEAK' CHARGED

"To retain in an indictment in a non-charging paragraph allegations of unethical conduct is obvious and prejudicial, as well as surplusage."

Mr. Cohn charged in public statements and in voluminous papers submitted to Judge Dawson that the government had deliberately "leaked" to the press intimations concerning the activities of the investigating grand jury which subsequently handed up its indictment.

He cited those charges as grounds for dismissal of the indictment, but Judge Dawson denied the motion. The case will be tried before Judge Dawson, possibly by next March.

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BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

Re New York airtel 11/18/63 and Miami airtel 11/27/63.

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copies of all correspondence therein could be copied.

A copy of each piece of correspondence in said
file was made at the Miami Office. Three sets being furnished
your office, one to be furnished appropriate U. S. Attorney,
if deemed necessary to do so. One set being maintained at
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Judge Edits Cohn Papers

Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson yesterday edited out eight paragraphs and portions of two others from a 14-paragraph introduction to the indictment of businessman and attorney Roy Cohn.

The discarded material was "prejudicial as well as surplusage," the judge declared.

Cohn and another attorney, Murray E. Gottesman, were indicted Sept. 4 on charges of complicity in efforts to prevent the indictment of four men in a stock fraud case involving the United Dye & Chemical Corp.

Judge Dawson aimed special criticism at a part of the intro-

duction which asserted Cohn "entered into a scheme" to arrange the non indictment of certain persons.

"If the so-called 'scheme' constituted what the grand jury considered was a criminal offense, it should have been so charged in a count of the indictment," the judge said. This reference to a "scheme" would only be confusing and prejudicial at the trial, he added.

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Judge Prunes Roy Cohn Indictment

Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson yesterday ordered deleted from the introduction of the Roy Cohn obstruction of justice indictment eight paragraphs Mr. Cohn considered prejudicial to his case.

Judge Dawson ordered also that parts of two other paragraphs in the 14-paragraph introduction be stricken on the ground that all the deleted material was "prejudicial as well as surplusage."

Mr. Cohn, indicted Sept. 4 with attorney Murray E. Gottesman on charges of com-

plicity in efforts to prevent indictment of four men in a stock fraud case, said Judge Dawson's decision was "good from my point of view."

Judge Dawson referred specifically to a part of the Federal indictment introduction which alleged Mr. Cohn "entered into a scheme" to arrange that certain persons would not be named defendants in any indictment handed up by a grand jury investigating a stock fraud case involving United Dye and Chemical Corp.

"If the so-called 'scheme' constituted what the grand jury considered was a criminal offense," Judge Dawson ruled, "it would have been so charged in a count of the indictment."

"To allege a 'scheme' with the other allegations in the introduction . . . without charging that the defendants had any criminal responsibility in connection therewith, will only be confusing and prejudicial at the trial of the counts on which the defendants were indicted."

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COHN WINS POINT IN PERJURY TRIAL

Judge Strikes 'Prejudicial' Paragraphs in Indictment

By EDWARD RANZAL

Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson knocked out introductory paragraphs in an indictment against Roy M. Cohn yesterday that alleged Mr. Cohn had engaged in a scheme to prevent the indictment of four men in a stock-fraud case.

Judge Dawson held that this matter was prejudicial to Mr. Cohn and also constituted surplus wordage. He said that if the grand jury had considered this action a criminal offense, it should have charged Mr. Cohn with the crime in the indictment.

Mr. Cohn, former chief counsel to the Senate Investigating subcommittee under the late Senator Joseph R. McCarthy of Wisconsin, has been charged with perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice.

The introductory paragraphs are usually a prelude to the detailing of the actual charges. The entire indictment is read to

a jury by the prosecution at the start of its case.

Trial judges always caution a jury that an indictment is merely an accusation that has to be proved beyond doubt.

Of the 14-paragraph introduction, Judge Dawson struck eight paragraphs and parts of two others. He said that the "indictment in this case is rather unusual."

The judge discussed the paragraphs in the introduction that alleged Mr. Cohn had "entered into a scheme" whereby he would arrange that certain persons would not be named defendants in any indictment that might be voted by a grand jury investigating United Dye and Chemical Corporation stock affairs.

"If the so-called 'scheme' constituted what the grand jury considered was a criminal offense," Judge Dawson wrote, "it should have been so charged in a count in the indictment."

"To allege a 'scheme,' with the other allegations in the introduction to which reference has been made, without charging that the defendants had any criminal responsibility in connection therewith will only be confusing and prejudicial at the trial of the counts on which the defendants were indicted."

Judge Dawson said that "it is quite customary in this court for an unmarked copy of an indictment to be sent into the jury room with a jury, so they

know definitely what the charges are in reaching their verdict thereon."

"To send in the indictment in the form in which it now stands would be misleading and prejudicial," he ruled.

The indictment of Mr. Cohn and a co-defendant, Murray E. Gottesman, also a lawyer, grew out of the investigation of the United Dye case.

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AUSA, SDNY advised that he possesses a document obtained from ROY COHN's [REDACTED] which contains handwriting believed by the AUSA to be that of [REDACTED]. AUSA has requested attempts be made to obtain specimens of [REDACTED] handwriting in order that a handwriting comparison may be performed.

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Cohn Trial Set

Roy M. Cohn, the ex-boy wonder counsel to the late Sen. McCarthy's Red-probing committee, will be tried next March 16, if a judge is available, on charges of perjury and of attempts to keep four men in the United Dye and Chemical Corp. stock fraud case from being indicted. The Federal judge who made this known also granted Cohn permission to inspect the 700-page transcript of his testimony before the grand jury that indicted him—but not the whole jury proceeding.

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Cohn Perjury Trial Set For March 16 by Judge

The trial of Roy M. Cohn and another lawyer, Murray E. Gottesman, on charges of perjury and conspiracy to obstruct justice was scheduled yesterday by Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson for March 16.

At the same time Judge Dawson ordered the Government to give Mr. Cohn the entire transcript of his testimony before the grand jury. He denied Mr. Cohn's motion to inspect the grand jury testimony of other witnesses.

The defendants were indicted following an investigation of the United Dye and Chemical Corporation stock fraud case. They were accused of attempting to prevent the indictment of four men involved in United Dye.

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Editor: TURNER CATLEDGE

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Roy Cohn Allowed to See Record

Roy M. Cohn, the peppery lawyer-businessman, won the right yesterday to refresh his recollection about what he said to the federal grand jury that indicted him for perjury and obstruction of justice.

Federal Judge Archie O. Dawson ruled that Cohn could inspect the 700-page transcript of his own testimony but rejected as "obviously too broad" Cohn's pitch to inspect the entire record of the jury's proceedings.

Judge Dawson allowed Cohn to see his own testimony, he explained, because some counts in the indictment accuse the lawyer of perjurying himself before the jury.

To attempt to release only those parts of the testimony re-

lating to the perjury charges, Dawson said, "would be a very difficult job."

With another lawyer, Murray E. Gottesman, Cohn was indicted on Sept. 24 for asserted complicity in attempting to prevent the indictment of four men in a stock fraud case.

Judge Dawson said the case will be tried before him next

March 16 or as soon afterward as the judge is available.

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BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

Re Miami airtel to New York 12/3/63.

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If [REDACTED] located, he should be questioned

[REDACTED] ROY COHN from [REDACTED]

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12/16/63

A I R T E L

TO : SAC, LOS ANGELES (58-495)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

MORTON ROBSON, FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

USA, SDNY, has been receiving communications from various individuals who allege to possess information regarding certain of COHN's activities. To date, interviews of numerous people in this category have developed little information of value.

On 12/12/63, USA ROBERT M. MORGENTHAU, SDNY, made available a copy of a letter from [REDACTED] which stated that [REDACTED] possessed information re COHN. USA MORGENTHAU requested [REDACTED] be interviewed for any information he may possess. A copy of his letter is enclosed for the Los Angeles Division.

The Los Angeles Division is requested to interview [REDACTED] as set forth above.

The Bureau has instructed that all leads in this matter are to be covered in five days and all persons interviewed are to be informed that this investigation is at the request of the USA.

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USA, SDNY has requested that [redacted] be interviewed and shown photographs of ROBSON and GOTTESMAN to determine if he can recall having had them as passengers on a [redacted] USA requested [redacted] also be asked following questions:

1. Did he ever fly a [redacted] plane to Las Vegas?
2. If so, determine date and circumstances.
3. Were any other pilots employed by [redacted]?
4. Does he recall circumstances of above flight on 8/17-23/59?
5. Does he have any records pertaining to [redacted] flights in 1959?
6. If so, attempt to obtain same.
7. Did [redacted] keep records of these flights?
8. If so, how and where were they kept.
9. How was he paid - on a per diem or salary basis?
10. Does he recall having flown ROY COHN on a [redacted] plane?

The Philadelphia Division is requested to interview [redacted] along lines set forth above.

The Bureau has instructed that all persons interviewed in this investigation are to be informed investigation is at request of USA, SDNY and that all leads are to be covered in five days.

12/18/63

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, PHILADELPHIA (58-438)
FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOB; PERJURY

Enclosed for the Philadelphia Division are photographs of ROBSON and GOTTESMAN. ROBSON allegedly received 2/3 of a \$50,000 payoff from ALLARD ROEN at the Desert Inn, Las Vegas, Nevada on 8/23/59. Investigation to date has failed to place ROBSON in Las Vegas on above date.

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[REDACTED] USA is of opinion these planes would have been available to COHN.

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1 - New York (58-1232)

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, NEWARK (58-442)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

ReNYairtel to Newark, 11/22/63.

USA, SDNY, advised that [REDACTED] has
stated that [REDACTED]

USA, related that [REDACTED] also advise [REDACTED]

The Newark Division is requested to review
the records of the above establishments for any
information regarding [REDACTED] stay. The Newark Division
is also requested to attempt to obtain copies of any
registration cards and hotel bills.

The Bureau has instructed that all leads
in this matter are to be covered in five days and all
persons interviewed are to be informed that this
investigation is at the request of the USA.

2- Newark (58-442)
1- New York (58-1232)

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FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (58-495) *RUC*

SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
Former AUSA, SDNY; ETAL
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY
(OO: NEW YORK)

Re New York airtel to Los Angeles, 12/16/63, with copy of letter dated 10/7/63 from [REDACTED], to USA, SDNY, New York City; and Los Angeles letter to New York, 10/30/63, entitled [REDACTED]

The results of an interview with [REDACTED] Los Angeles, California, on 10/16/63 at the Los Angeles Office are set out in referenced Los Angeles letter to New York. The information provided by [REDACTED] at the time pertains to the matter stated in his letter to the USA, SDNY. [REDACTED]

Also enclosed with referenced Los Angeles letter are photostatic copies of letters from [REDACTED] both New York City, and letters to [REDACTED] of law firm of Saxe, Bacon and O'Shea, setting out allegations in the [REDACTED] matter. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] had no information that COHEN was directly involved in the [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
Former AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY

Re New York airtel to Philadelphia dated 12/18/63.

Transmitted herewith are nine copies of an FD 302
reflecting an interview with [REDACTED]

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TO: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (58-495) (RUC)
RE: MORTON ROBSON
Former AUSA, SDNY;
et al
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY
OO: NEW YORK

Enclosed herewith are two copies each of
photostats of additional letters provided by _____
_____ of Los Angeles on 12/31/63. These letters
are described as follows:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

The above letters were furnished by _____
to SA _____ of Los Angeles.

These letters are being furnished for the information
of the New York Office. No further investigation being
conducted by Los Angeles.

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AIRTEL

TO : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (58-438)
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)
SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, Former
AUSA, SDNY; ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOB; PERJURY

RL Philadelphia airtel to NY, 12/26/63.

The results of the interview of [REDACTED] were disseminated to USA, SDNY. USA requested that the Philadelphia Division recontact [REDACTED] in order to obtain his [REDACTED] b7c

USA also requested that [REDACTED] be asked if he can recall the number of times ROY COHN was one of his passengers and any details regarding these trips.

The Bureau has instructed that all persons interviewed in this matter are to be informed that investigation is at the request of the USA and all leads are to be covered in five days.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, LAS VEGAS (58-8)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

**SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON,
FORMER AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN; MURRAY E.
GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY**

AUSA, SDNY advised that on 6/6/62, according to
the [REDACTED] of ROY COHN, he, COHN, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

AUSA, SDNY has requested that investigation be
conducted at the [REDACTED] to attempt to determine
if the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b7D

The Bureau has advised that all leads in this
matter are to be covered in five days and all persons
interviewed are to be informed that investigation is at
the request of the USA.

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AIRTEL

TO: SAC, ALBANY (58-152)

FROM: SAC, NEW YORK (58-1232)

**SUBJECT: MORTON ROBSON, FORMER
AUSA, SDNY;
ROY COHN;
MURRAY E. GOTTESMAN
BRIBERY; OOJ; PERJURY**

LEONARD GLASS, Former AUSA, SDNY, handled the presentation of facts in the United Dye case to the FGJ, SDNY. This resulted in the indictment in which \$50,000 was allegedly paid to COHN and ROBSON to have 4 individuals excluded from the indictment.

AUSA GERALD WALPIN, SDNY, advised that [REDACTED] in his testimony before the FGJ, SDNY, in this matter advised that [REDACTED]

AUSA WALPIN has requested that the [REDACTED] pertaining to [REDACTED]

The Bureau has instructed that all leads in this matter are to be covered in 5 days and all persons interviewed are to be informed that investigation is at the request of the USA.

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